

EXPLORING GOD'S WORD LESSON 6

I. THE NEW TESTAMENT: _____ BOOKS

We are to rightly divide the Word of God. Understanding how the New Testament works is essential.

1. The _____:

These are the biographies of Jesus Christ.

- a. The Gospel of _____: He was a disciple of Jesus Christ – a tax collector. This Gospel is written to the Jewish people to prove that Jesus is their Messiah. Matthew traces Jesus' lineage back to Abraham and there is a great deal of emphasis placed on fulfilled prophecy in His life and ministry.
- b. The Gospel of _____: He was a protégé of Barnabas & Peter. This Gospel focuses extensively on the miracles of Christ.
- c. The Gospel of _____: He was a physician and traveling companion of the Apostle Paul. Luke's gospel is written with a Gentile reader in mind. Jesus is presented as the savior of the world and his lineage is traced back to Adam.
- d. The Gospel of _____: He was a disciple of Jesus Christ – a fisherman. John writes to show that Jesus is God manifest in the flesh (See John 1:1, John 1:14, John 10:30, John 14:7-9)

Collectively, the books cover His birth, life, ministry, death, burial, and resurrection.

The Gospels tell us what God did for us and how He made salvation possible for all mankind.

2. Church History – The _____ of _____:

The Book of Acts picks up where the Gospels leave off and provides great detail about the birth of the church and the growth and development of Christianity in the First Century.

It is the only book in the Bible where we can read actual accounts of people being saved under the New Testament and according to the _____.

This book is central to understanding and _____ the New Testament.

- a. The Book of Acts is where we see the commandments of Jesus Christ carried out by His disciples. Their _____ are the lens through which we understand the Gospels.
- b. The Book of Acts is also the _____ in which we should read the letters of the Apostles.

3. The _____ (Letters of the Apostles):

- a. _____ Epistles: Letters written by the Apostle Paul to a specific person or group of people.

Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, and Hebrews.

- b. _____ Epistles: Letters written by other Apostles to a general audience.

James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, and Jude.

These letters were written to the church instructing them in matters of _____, _____ and _____.

4. Prophecy – The Book of _____

Written by the Apostle John when he was in exile on the isle of Patmos. The central theme is one of the _____, final _____, and the _____ of all things.