

The Holy Bible-New Testament Basics

(A Firm Foundation Sunday School Lesson, Created by Pastor James Moriello)

1. Scripture is the Word of God and is perfect because its Author, God Himself, inspired all of it. Many people don't believe this, or they won't admit they believe it because the Bible shows us our sin, and it can be very hard to deal with sin in our lives. Consider what the Bible says about itself.
 - a. The purpose of God giving us the Bible is to show the way to heaven to anyone who wants it. See John 3:16-21.
 - b. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16, NKJV).
 - c. "For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:21).
 - d. The Bible contains 66 books; 39 Old Testament, 27 New Testament. We do not recognize any other books as perfectly inspired by God. We cannot add or subtract from what God has already revealed (Revelation 22:18-19). The New Testament books can be broken down into five categories.
 - a. Gospels, Matthew-John, story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection from the dead
 - b. History, Acts, story of the beginning of the church
 - c. Paul's Letters, Romans-Hebrews
 - d. General Letters, James-Jude
 - e. Prophecy, Revelation, future events written in advance