

# BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER

## What is the Bible?

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JOHN 1      Word = Logos - reason or explanation

1 In the beginning was the **Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
 2 He was with God in the beginning.  
 3 All things were created through Him, and apart from Him not one thing was created that has been created.

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14 The **Word** became flesh and took up residence among us.

**Jesus is the Word!**  
 Total message of God- Acts 11:1, 1 Thessalonians 2:13  
 Word of God- Colossians 1:19, 2:9  
 written message of God- John 17:17, 1 Timothy 4:5,  
 Revelation 1:2, Colossians 1:25

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## What is the Bible?

The Bible is a library.

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## What is the Bible?


- Assembled over 1,500+ years
- 40 different authors
- Written on 3 continents
- Written in three different languages.
- Diverse authors (poets, prophets, kings, poor, wealthy, fishermen, etc...)

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Why I choose to believe the Bible: BIBLE STUDY

**COMMON ANSWERS...**

- "I believe the Bible because that is the way I was raised."
- "I choose to believe the Bible because it worked for me."

Why I choose to believe the Bible: 

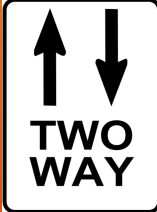
**BETTER ANSWER**

*"I choose to believe the Bible because it is a reliable collection of historical documents, written by eyewitnesses during the lifetime of other eyewitnesses, reporting supernatural events that took place in fulfillment of specific prophecies and claimed their writing are Divine and not human in origin." -Dr. Voddie Baucham*

Bible Study tips... BIBLE STUDY

- Get the scriptures in your ears & heart
- Regular rhythm of reading (time & place)
- Plan
- Bookmark
- Translation
- Memorize key verses

What is prayer? PRAYER




**TWO WAY**

Healthy relationships require two way communication.



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- Santa



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- Santa
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- Last resort



## Prayer...

PRAYER

*"We tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense. We pray when there's nothing else we can do, but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all."*

*-Oswalt Chambers*

## Prayer tips...

PRAYER

- Times & places (rhythm)
- Lost focus? Then make a change.
- Praying with others is huge.
- Praying for others can be huge.
- Keeping a prayer journal

## Prayer tips...

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The "ACTS" of prayer:

Adoration  
Confession  
Thanksgiving  
Supplication

Prayer... PRAYER

*“Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?”*

*-Corrie Ten Boom*

*“Prayer is the oxygen of the soul.”*

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Prayer... PRAYER

**Additional Resources on Prayer...**

- 1 Samuel 12:23
- John 15:7
- Psalms 100
- Mark 11:24
- Luke 18:1

*Tracing the Thread: A 52 Week Journey Through the Story of the Bible (YM 350 Publishing)*