

Week 4: The Word of God, Part 2

***How important is God's Word to you?**

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1. An Overview of the Bible:

- The Bible contains 66 books: 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.
- The books are divided into chapters and verses for reference. (It was recently added for our benefit; not inspired).
- The Old Testament was written in the Hebrew language.
- The New Testament was written in the Greek language. (Remember that our English Bible is a translation from these original languages.)
- Why the need for a New Testament? What's wrong with the Old Testament? Read Hebrews 8:9-10.
 - The foundation of the Old Covenant with Israel was man's obedience to it. (Verse 9)
 - The foundation of the New Covenant is God's action on behalf of man. (Note the "I will" in verse 10. It was enacted by the shed blood of Jesus Christ in Luke 22:20.)

2. How to study the scriptures: Read Isaiah 28:9-13

- Precept upon precept: a precept is an established fact of God's Word. (i.e. "all have sinned"; "God is love"; "Jesus has risen".)
- Line upon line: The systematic story line of scripture that ties the established facts of God together.
- Here a little, There a little: The use of foundation facts of scripture to understand other portions of scripture.

Note: The New Testament is contained in the Old Testament, and the Old Testament is explained in the New Testament.

3. The Bible is inspired so we need the Holy Spirit to help us understand it.

- The man without the Spirit does not understand the things that come from God. 1 Corinthians 2:14
- The Holy Spirit (*Greek = Parakletos "One called along side to help"*) will teach us and help us to remember. John 14:26

