

Bible Study Tools

Week 1 – Foundations of Bible Study

What is the Bible?

Definition – The Bible is a collection of _____ writings that have been recognized by the Christian church as _____, and thus authoritative for determining our beliefs and practices.

Definition – “Scripture, comprised of 66 books, divided into two testaments, _____ by over 40 authors spanning almost 1,500 years, _____ to God’s people the unifying history of His redeeming words and acts. The ultimate focus of Scripture is the incarnation and redemptive work of _____. He is the center to which everything in Scripture is united and bound together—beginning and end, creation and redemption, humanity, the world, the fall, history, and the future.”

I. The Bible is Written

a. Literary Genre – The _____ of writing the authors of Scripture used to communicate the truth of God.

b. Biblical Genres:

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| i. _____ | v. _____ |
| ii. _____ | vi. _____ |
| iii. _____ | vii. _____ |
| iv. _____ | viii. _____ |

II. The Bible is Inspired

a. Definition – The process by which God, through the _____, carried along the human authors of the Bible actively superintending and guiding their writings so as to produce a finished product which fully maintains both _____ and _____ authorship.

