

How Do You Read the Bible?

By: Dan Jenkins

The reading of the Scriptures is so vital to our spiritual growth in the Lord. To see this, consider the instruction Moses gave to every king who ruled over Israel. The Jews had left Egypt and were just about to enter the Promised Land. It would be more than four hundred years before they ever had their first king, but God gave these instructions for the kings.

“When he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes...” (Deut. 17:18-19).

Imagine how long it would take that king to get the only copy of the Bible they had and to literally write every word from it and take it to his palace. From that day he was to spend time reading it every day for the rest of his life. Why was he to read it every day? The text emphatically affirms the reason. He was to read it to: (1) learn what it says; (2) learn to fear; (3) learn to be careful to observe all the words of the law; (4) learn to not turn to the left or to the right of what he read (vs. 19-20).

King David had a heart like the heart of God. He mediated on the law of the Lord day and night (Psa. 1:2; 119:97). No one can have his heart like the heart of God until he does this, and this will enable his children to have this

same heart.

I hope that part of your daily life is reading the Bible but doing more than just reading so many verses/chapters each day. That tree that “brings forth its fruits in its season” is that person who does more than read. I hope ever more that having read the words, you mediate on how the words you just read apply to your life. Read the Bible, then write what your read into your heart. God described His plan for the church in these words. “I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts” (Heb. 8:10). If this is not happening realize that He is ready to do this, and the reason it is not happening is because we are not reading His words.

There is a difference in memorizing scriptures and engraving heavenly truths on our souls. It is so vital that we memorize the scripture to have a light to our feet and a guide for us through trials. Memorizing verses puts the word in our mind, but God desires far more. His plan is to write them on our souls, and this is the most important part of His plan. It will never happen until you decide to make it happen!

Worldly people feed their souls and devote their lives to temporary material matters. Godly people engrave His eternal truths on their hearts. Think about this carefully!

The Truth About Jesus (Part 7 of 7): The Great Glorification

By: Selected

It is hard to completely wrap one's mind around the transformative truth of Jesus Christ revealed in 1 Timothy 3:16. God wants us to know that it is certain, supreme, clear and relevant to our lives, so He emphasizes six pivotal elements about Jesus Christ and His plan for us, including the great incarnation, the great vindication, the great exaltation, the great proclamation and the great salvation. These do not appear to be arranged chronologically but rather thematically, which leads to His climax.

Sixth, Paul emphasizes the great GLORIFICATION: "He was taken up in glory."

Paul begins with the truth that "God was manifested in the flesh." Jesus came down from heaven (John 6:33, 38), having been sent by God (John 5:36), and He "became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). After living in the flesh, it was time for Him to be received back again into heaven. What can we learn?

First, the glorification of Christ upon His ascension emphasizes the accomplishment of the will of God on earth. Jesus came, as He stated, "to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work" (John 4:34; 6:38). On the night before He died, Jesus prayed to the Father, "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do" (John 17:4). Then, in His dying breath, He confirmed, "It is finished" (John 19:30). His mission on earth was completed, and He was "received up into heaven" (Mark 16:19).

Second, the glorification of Christ upon His ascension emphasizes His authority and all things being made subject to Him. At His ascension into glory, Jesus

affirmed, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matt. 28:18). When Christ ascended, He was "seated" at the "right hand" of God, "far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named," and "all things" were put "under His feet" (Eph. 1:20-23). Christ is reigning right now (1 Cor. 15:20-27) in His heavenly glory (Dan. 7:13-14).

Third, the glorification of Christ upon His ascension emphasizes the reverent adoration due unto Him as the majestic Lord. After humbling Himself "to the point of death" (Phil. 2:8), "God also has highly exalted Him," so that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord" (Phil. 2:9-11). Truly, we must "Give to the Lord the glory due His name" (1 Chron. 16:28-29).

The truth of Jesus is indisputable and ought to transform our lives toward godliness! As the church, we are "the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:15). We must know it! We must teach it! We must defend it! We must live it!



Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 18: Monthly youth devo at the Jobs home at 6pm. Boys bring drinks and girls bring desserts.

Area events:

Area events/details are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please check them out.

Prayer List

Prayer Requests:

Jerri Rosales who received a new kidney recently and is recovering in Houston.

Elana Carroll who recently lost her job and is searching for a new one.

Clifton Rutherford who has been ill recently and is now taking physical therapy.

Members

Jeff Cannady, Jerry FitzSimmons, and Veronica Serenil.

From the Elders:

Please let one of the elders or the church secretary review your announcements before they are read to the congregation or written on the clipboard to be announced. Thank you.

Don't forget to download our new member directory app – Lightpost. Setup instructions are on the table in the foyer. If your email is not in the directory, get with Cody and he can add you.



Service Roster

Week of October 12, 2025

Sunday Morning

Scripture Reading..... Will Burleson
Song Leader Kirk FitzSimmons

Opening Prayer.....James Cammock
Closing Prayer..... Mark FitzSimmons

Lord's Supper & Offering

Bread..... Barry Lehtinen
Cup..... Lupe Escojido
Offering..... Jake Jacobs
Assist..... Kanin Jacobs
Assist..... Bryce Dolan
Assist..... Benny Horton

Sunday Evening

Song Leader Jeff Cannady

Opening Prayer..... Kirk FitzSimmons
Closing Prayer..... Jack Jobs

Lord's Supper & Offering.....Benny Horton/
Lupe Escojido

Wednesday Evening

Adult ClassCody McCoy
Song LeaderLuke FitzSimmons
Devotional Ron White

Other

Prepare Communion for Oct.....

Congregational News This Week

Birthdays

Scout Terry.....Oct. 12
Karter Terry.....Oct. 12
Pam Clifton.....Oct. 15

If you have any prayer requests, upcoming events to be announced, or updates/corrections please contact our secretary, Nina Siegel, at (361) 573-0030 or email office.midtownchurch@gmail.com

Our Elders

Mark FitzSimmons
Ron White

Our Deacons

James Cammock—Evangelism
Lupe Escojido— Benevolence
Doug Jobes—Safety, Men's Encouragement &
Winter Youth Retreat
Kevin Sheeran—Worship Organization and
Communication
Bryant Siegel—Education and Finance

Our Minister

Cody McCoy

Weekly Reading

And those who are Christ's have crucified the
flesh with its passions and desires.
Galatians 5:24

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

Attendance Records

Week of October 5, 2025

A.M. Bible Class.....73
A.M. Worship.....103
P.M. Worship.....69
Wednesday Worship.....61

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