

HOW TO USE THIS BIBLE

Imagine the adventure of discovering a hidden treasure box and exploring what's inside. The Bible is an amazing treasure, filled with true stories of real people that point us to the One True God. These hints and tips will help you dig in and explore the Bible.

The table of contents near the front of your Bible tells you what each book of the Bible is and where to find it. In the back, you'll find a dictionary. Use it to help you understand words you might not know.

The Bible text is divided into books, chapters, and verses. They help you find exactly what you're looking for. Once you decide which book you want to find, you can use the table of contents to help you find what page the book starts on.

Next, look up the chapter number within that book and the verse number within that chapter. You'll also notice section headings to help you know what's happening in that part of the Bible.

THE BIBLE IS A TREASURE—and you've got it right here in your hands.

NOW GET EXPLORING!



How Can You Be like Salt?

Salt makes food taste good. You are like salt when you live like a Christian. You have a Christian “flavor” when you show Jesus’ mercy to people around you. If you’re mean and unkind, then you’ll taste bitter to others. If you hide your faith, then you’ll taste flat!

MYSTERY SOLVED



*‘Their worm does not die
And the fire is not quenched.’*

⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire—⁴⁸where

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Tasteless Salt Is Worthless

⁴⁹For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. ⁵⁰Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another.”

Marriage and Divorce

10 Then He arose from there and came to the region of Judea by the other side of the Jordan. And multitudes gathered to Him again, and as He was accustomed, He taught them again.

²The Pharisees came and asked Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” testing Him.

³And He answered and said to them, “What did Moses command you?”

⁴They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss her.”

⁵And Jesus answered and said to them, “Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. ⁶But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’ ⁷For this reason a man shall

leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh’; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

¹⁰In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter. ¹¹So He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. ¹²And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

Jesus Blesses Little Children

¹³Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will by no means enter it.” ¹⁶And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler

¹⁷Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?”

¹⁸So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’”

²⁰And he answered and said to Him, “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.”

²¹Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.”

²²But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

With God All Things Are Possible

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were astonished at His

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