

Today's Message

What About...

The Church, The Bible,
& The Beginning?

Ephesians 1:15-23

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Ephesians 1:22-23

Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus.

The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

Acts 11:20-21



THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

2.4 Billion Christians in the world today

37 million churches around the world

34,000 Christian denominations in the world

Ascension
of Jesus
30 AD?

Constantine
312 AD

Protestant
Reformation
Begins 1517 AD

Today
2024

Persecution

One Catholic Church

Many Denominations Form



...His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Ephesians 1:19-21

HISTORY OF THE BIBLE

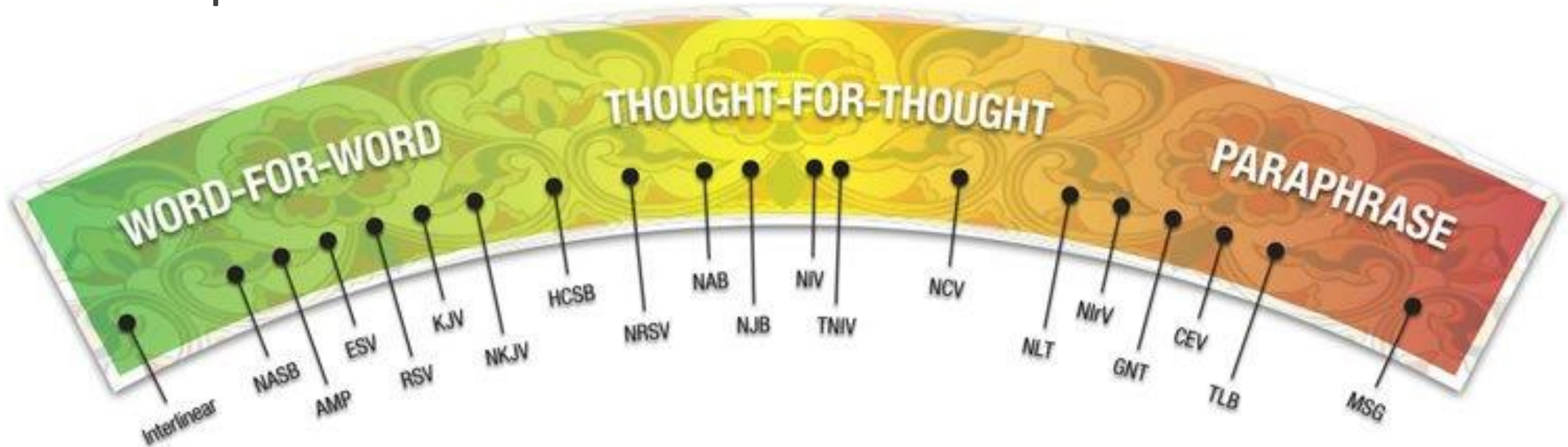
Old Testament (39 in Hebrew) - 1400 BC to 430 BC

New Testament (27 in Greek) - 40 AD to 90 AD

- John Wycliff - 1st English translation from Latin (1382 AD)
- William Tyndale - 1st English trans. from Heb./Greek (1521)
- Martin Luther - Translates Heb./Greek into German (1534)
- 47 Biblical Scholars release King James Version (1611)
- Biblical Scholars continue to release reliable translations today from Hebrew & Greek in current language forms.

Types of Bible Translations

Most Popular Versions in the U.S.: 1. NIV 2. KJV 3. ESV 4. NLT



NASB - New American Standard Bible
AMP - Amplified Bible
ESV - English Standard Version
RSV - Revised Standard Version
KJV - King James Version
NKJV - New King James Version

HCSB - Holman Christian Standard Bible
NRSV - New Revised Standard Version
NAB - New American Bible
NJB - New Jerusalem Bible
NIV - New International Version
TNIV - Today's New International Version
NCV - New Century Version
NLT - New Living Translation

Nlrv - New International Reader's Version
GNT - Good News Translation
(also Good News Bible)
CEV - Contemporary English Version
TLB - The Living Bible
MSG - The Message

¹⁵and call^a on me in the day of trouble:
I will deliver you, and you will honor^a me.”

¹⁶But to the wicked person, God says:

“What right have you to recite my laws
or take my covenant on your lips?^b

¹⁷You hate my instruction
and cast my words behind^a you.

¹⁸When you see a thief, you join^b with him;
you throw in your lot with adulterers.

¹⁹You use your mouth for evil
and harness your tongue to deceit.^c

²⁰You sit and testify against your brother^d
and slander your own mother's son.

²¹When you did these things and I kept silent,^e
you thought I was exactly^a like you.

But I now arraign you
and set my accusations^f before you.

²²“Consider this, you who forget God,^g
or I will tear you to pieces, with no one to rescue
you.”

²³Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me,
and to the blameless^h I will show my salvation.”

Theme: David's plea for mercy, forgiveness, and cleansing. God wants our hearts to be right with him.

Author: David

51^e For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
because my conscience is troubled.

My heart is
aching love:

1. The numbering of the original Hebrew text; the meaning of the Hebrew texts 51:1-19 is numbered 51:3-21.

...s but are
...followers
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51:1-19 This psalm expresses one of the clearest examples of repentance in all of Scripture. Countless broken sinners have found in these words an exquisite expression of their deeply felt need for God's mercy and forgiveness. David's confession has helped people examine their hearts for unrepentant sin, and lack of sincere repentance can keep them from experiencing pardon. David's prayer also demonstrate the place of hope within confession. Use this psalm as a starting point when guilt or a feeling of distance from God is affecting your relationship with him. It will help you identify and remove sin in your life through sincere confession and repentance.

APPLICATION & EXPLANATORY NOTES —

Better explain the text and provide application to life today.

PSALMS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

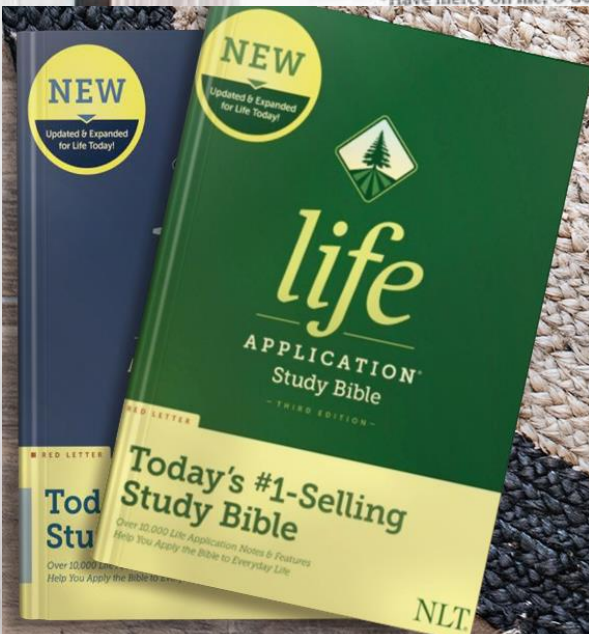
Psalm is the most quoted book in the New Testament. In the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls at the caves of Qumran in the mid-twentieth century, 30 copies of the book of Psalms were discovered, more than any other book of the Bible. This leads us to believe that in Jesus' day people would have been quite familiar with the psalms. Many psalms were used to show that Jesus was the promised Messiah. Here is a list of psalms quoted or fulfilled in the New Testament.

Psalm Reference	New Testament Reference	Psalm Reference	New Testament Reference
Psalm 2:1-2	Acts 4:25-26	Psalm 68:18	Ephesians 4:8
Psalm 2:7	Acts 13:33; Hebrews 1:5, 5:5	Psalm 69:4	John 15:25
Psalm 2:8-9	Revelation 2:26-27	Psalm 69:9	1 Peter 2:6
Psalm 4:4	Ephesians 4:26	Psalm 69:21	Romans 15:3
Psalm 5:9	Romans 3:13	Psalm 69:22-23	Romans 11:9-10
Psalm 8:2	Matthew 21:16	Psalm 69:25	Acts 1:20
Psalm 8:4-6	Hebrews 2:6-8	Psalm 78:2	Matthew 13:35
Psalm 8:6	1 Corinthians 15:27	Psalm 78:24	John 6:31
Psalm 10:7	Romans 3:14	Psalm 82:6	John 10:34
Psalm 14:1-3	Romans 3:10-12	Psalm 91:11-12	Matthew 4:6; Luke 4:10-11
Psalm 16:6	Acts 2:25-28	Psalm 94:11	1 Corinthians 3:20
Psalm 16:10	Acts 13:36	Psalm 95:7-8	Hebrews 3:15, 4:7
Psalm 18:49	Romans 15:9	Psalm 95:11	Hebrews 3:7-11
Psalm 19:4	Romans 10:18	Psalm 102:25-27	Hebrews 1:10-12
Psalm 22:1	Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34	Psalm 104:4	Hebrews 1:7
Psalm 22:15	John 19:28	Psalm 109:8	Acts 1:20
Psalm 22:18	Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:34; John 19:24	Psalm 110:1	Matthew 22:44, 26:64; Mark 12:36, 14:62; Luke 20:42-43; 22:69; Acts 2:34-35; Hebrews 1:13
Psalm 22:22	Hebrews 2:12	Psalm 110:4	Hebrews 5:6, 7:17, 21
Psalm 24:1	1 Corinthians 10:26	Psalm 112:9	2 Corinthians 9:9
Psalm 31:5	Luke 23:46	Psalm 116:10	2 Corinthians 4:13
Psalm 32:1-2	Romans 4:7-8	Psalm 117:1	Romans 15:11
Psalm 34:12-16	1 Peter 3:10-12	Psalm 118:6	Hebrews 13:6
Psalm 35:19	John 15:25	Psalm 118:22	Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11; 1 Peter 2:7
Psalm 36:1	Romans 3:18	Psalm 118:22-23	Matthew 21:42; Mark 12:10-11
Psalm 40:6-8	Hebrews 10:5-7	Psalm 118:25-26	Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9-10; John 12:13
Psalm 41:9	John 13:18	Psalm 137:1	Matthew 23:34
Psalm 44:22	Romans 8:36	Psalm 139:1	John 1:10
Psalm 45:6-7	Hebrews 1:8-9	Psalm 139:2	John 1:10
Psalm 46:1	Romans 3:4	Psalm 139:3	John 1:10
Psalm 46:1	Hebrews 3:10-12	Psalm 139:4	John 1:10

CHARTS & DIAGRAMS —
Help readers visualize specific concepts and relationships.

LARGE PRINT TEXT —
Easy-to-read 10.8-point type size.

CROSS-REFERENCES —
Conveniently placed in the margins to help find related passages quickly.



From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 (NIV)

From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 (KJV)

You took in the sacred Scriptures with your mother's milk! There's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 (The Message Bible Paraphrase)

The Bible, God's Word, will never lose its importance, impact, or ability to change and transform lives! Ever!

- **Applicable in every country, culture, language**
- **Best selling book every year on record**
- **Gideons have given out 1.6 Billion copies**
- **50 copies are sold in the U.S. every minute**

How does the Church, the Bible, and our Faith change lives?

- Jesus came to save

(The Bible proclaims it; the Church is to share it)

- The Church (us) are to be Salt & Light
(Let your light shine, make disciples)

Psalm 19:7-8

The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.