

6. If you have been taught anything different regarding how to become a Christian than Acts 2:38 I ask that you consider the following. You can't believe the Bible without believing that Satan has ministers, in fact he has many more ministers on Earth than God does.

**Matthew 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:**

**Matthew 7:14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**

**2Tim 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;**  
**2Tim 4:4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**

**2Cor 11:12 But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we.**

**2Cor 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.**

**2Cor 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**

**2Cor 11:15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.**

7. Did you realize that God had to enlarge hell because so many were insisting on going there?

**Isaiah 5:14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.**

Don't follow some false preacher just because he can make you feel good. The kind reassuring smile of the false-christian preacher will appear in a whole new light when illuminated by the flames in the lake of fire. It matters what you believe and it matters what you obey. If you don't obey Acts 2:38 to become a Christian then all the other verses won't matter.

8. Always remember. The trinity wasn't invented until many years after the Apostles were gone.

**CANNEY ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RELIGION, Page 53 -- "The early church always baptized in the Name of Lord Jesus until the development of the trinity doctrine in the 2nd Century."**

I hope and pray that this Biblical truth that I shared with you here does not offend but is a blessing. There was a time I did not know these truths myself and would still not know had no one pointed these things out to me.

If you don't believe that we are in the end time read a newspaper. It is time to **get back to the Bible!**

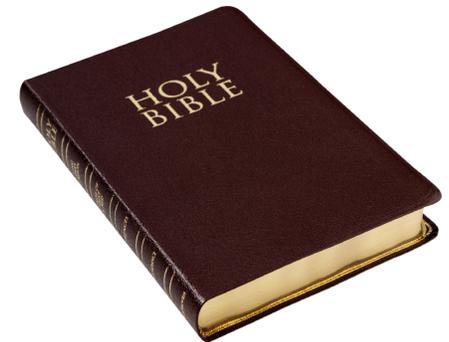
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## Bible Basics

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While there is much in the Word of God that is *mystery* there is also much that is very plain and easily understood if we look at proper context, rightly divided.

There are some undeniable basics that can help us to have a valuable overview of the Bible.

Truth is essential for salvation!

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

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1. The Old Testament is a time before the Church but there is much to be learned about God.

**Psalms 34:8 O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.**

**Psalms 34:9 O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.**

**Psalms 34:10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.**

2. The first 4 books of the New Testament are a history of a time before the Church was born when Jesus Christ (Jehovah Savior by definition) walked the Earth as a man, God manifest in the flesh.

**1Tim 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.**

Jesus spoke of His Church always in future tense.

**Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

3. In Acts we see the acts of the Apostles and the birth of the Church. The New Testament could not come into effect before the death of the testator, the death of Jesus Christ.

**Hebrews 9:17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.**

4. It is in the Book of Acts that we find the plan of salvation for all that God will call (including the Gentiles as well as the Jews) that was preached on the Day of Pentecost.

**Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

**Acts 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.**

5. The epistles in the Bible are letters written to people who had obeyed Acts 2:38 to become Christians or the Apostles would not have addressed them as Brethren. Epistle simply means letter. You can't find a plan for salvation in Romans because it is a letter to people who were already renowned for their obedience. They were already Christians or Paul would not have addressed them as Brethren. The same is true of Ephesians and the other epistles. Acts 19 describes the founding of the Ephesian Church when they obeyed Acts 2:38.

**Romans 1:13 Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.**

**Romans 1:5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:**

**Romans 1:6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:**

Remember the Acts 2:38 plan for all that God will call? Paul was addressing those at Rome who had obeyed what he preached. We can look at Acts 19 and confirm that Paul adhered to the Acts 2:38 plan.

**Acts 19:1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, Acts 19:2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.**

**Acts 19:3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Acts 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.**

**Acts 19:5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

**Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.**

It is interesting that some teach falsely that people receive the Holy Ghost just because they claim to believe. We see here that it is a separate event that is evidenced by speaking in other tongues. We can also confirm that Biblical water baptism is administered in the name of the Lord Jesus. The Apostles knew that the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost is Jesus. The Apostles had never heard of the Catholic trinity or trinity baptism because it was not invented until after the Apostles were dead.