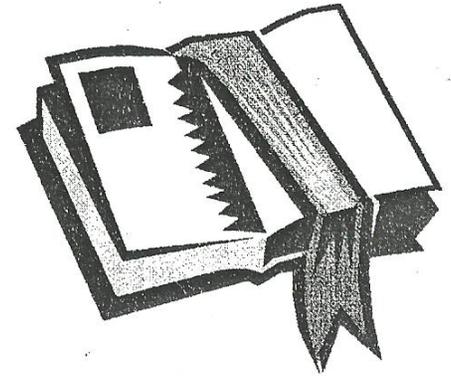


# *Understanding the Word of God*



**How is the New  
Testament divided?**

**What can I learn by reading  
the New Testament?**

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## Three Divisions of the New Testament

### Gospels

(Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)

#### WE LEARN ABOUT JESUS

##### WHAT DO WE FIND IN THE GOSPELS?

1. Ministry of John the Baptist
2. The Birth of Jesus
3. The Life of Jesus
4. The ministry of Jesus Christ
5. The calling of His disciples
6. His miracles
7. His death, burial, and resurrection

##### WHAT WE DO NOT FIND

1. No Christian Church founded in the Gospels (Matthew 16:18).
2. Not one person received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost (John 7:38-39).

Men could repent and have their sins forgiven in the Gospels.

- Example: a) The thief on the cross (Luke 23:43)  
b) The man with the palsy (Mark 2:5)

However: Full Salvation or conversion was not possible until after Jesus was crucified and ascended (Luke 22:32; Acts 1:4,8)..

#### WARNING!

We must go on to the Book of Acts to find where the first church was founded. Full Salvation was first experienced on the DAY OF PENTECOST.

#### IMPORTANT

Note the authority given to the Apostles by the Lord (John 17:20).

### Acts

(Book of Salvation)

#### WE LEARN HOW TO BE BORN AGAIN

##### WHAT DO WE FIND IN ACTS?

1. Men were born again. John 3:5 fulfilled!
2. The first founded on the DAY OF PENTECOST (Acts 2:1-4).

##### WATER BAPTISM

###### In the Name of Jesus Christ

Church at Jerusalem	Acts 2:38
Church at Samaria	Acts 8:16
Church at Caesarea	Acts 10:48
Church at Ephesus	Acts 19:5

All the apostles and Mary, the mother of Jesus, prayed until they were filled with the Baptism of the Holy Ghost (Acts 1:13,14; Acts 2:4).

##### BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

Evidence: They spoke with tongues

Church at Jerusalem founded.	Acts 2:4
Church at Caesarea founded	Acts 10:44-48
Church at Ephesus founded	Acts 19:1,5,6

#### WARNING!

Not one person in the entire Bible was ever baptized using the words, "in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19).

#### IMPORTANT

If the Apostles and Mary, the mother of Jesus, were wrong in believing the above Scriptures then there is no hope for any of us (Galatians 1:8,9).

**YOU WILL NOT MAKE A MISTAKE BY  
OBEYING ACTS 2:38**

### Epistles

(Romans through Revelation)

#### WE LEARN HOW TO LIVE A CHRISTIAN LIFE

##### WHAT DO WE FIND IN THE EPISTLES?

These books were written to churches... AFTER they were baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ and... AFTER they received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost speaking with other tongues.

##### WHY WERE THE EPISTLES WRITTEN?

To instruct born again Christians (not sinners).

1. How to live
2. How to worship
3. Church discipline (I Corinthians 5:2-5).
4. How to develop the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

##### WHAT DON'T WE FIND IN THE EPISTLES?

1. Not one person was baptized in all the Epistles.
2. Not one person received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in all the Epistles.

##### The Reason:

They had already been baptized and received the Holy Ghost otherwise these churches could not have been founded.

#### WARNING!

(Ephesians 2:8; I Corinthians 12:30; I John 3:14;  
I John 5:1; Ephesians 5:26)

These Scriptures are Epistles written to churches already born again. They were never intended to be used as a substitute for the plan of Salvation.

**ARE YOU READY FOR THE RAPTURE?**  
(I Thessalonians 4:13-17; John 14:3)