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## FOUNDATION CORNERSTONE

### FCS1-4-01: What is the Bible?

*The Bible is an account of God's action in the world and his purpose for all creation.*

**Bible:** (Merriam-Webster.com) Noun: The book of sacred scriptures of Christians comprising the Old Testament and the New Testament.

*The Bible of today is a collection of 66 books and letters (39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament) written by more than 40 authors during a period of approximately 1,500 years. Its original text was written in three main languages: The Old Testament was written for the most part in Hebrew; with a smaller percentage in Aramaic; and The New Testament was written in Greek.*

*The Bible's books include: books of law, such as Leviticus and Deuteronomy; historical books, such as Ezra and Acts; books of poetry and wisdom, such as Psalms and Ecclesiastes; books of prophecy, such as Isaiah and Revelation; biographies, such as Matthew and John; and epistles (formal letters) such as Titus and Hebrews. The authors of all these books wrote the words God inspired them to write. The Bible represents what Christians live by and refer to as – the inspired Word of God.*

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

*The Old Testament tells of stories relating to God's people: from the creation of the world; the rise of the Jewish nation; God's promise to the Israelites; their fall from power; exile to other nations; and the Israelites eventual return to their homeland. The Old Testament also speaks of a Messiah (the savior, redeemer) that is to come. It also refers to the relationship between God and Man and how that relationship was damaged by sin, when man worshiped the things of this world rather than the God that made them.*

*The New Testament begins with the impending birth of Jesus of Nazareth; John the Baptist proclaiming the coming Messiah; Jesus' ministry, the gathering of his disciples, and his death, burial and resurrection. It later discussed how the early church was established and how this gospel was spread throughout the whole world. In this section there are several letters written by men that were inspired by God, relating instructions on living under the new covenant and prophecies revealed to them by the Holy Spirit. It then ends with the book of Revelation.*

*The Bible is a collection of books relating to living a life that is pleasing to God. It is God's revelation of His relationship with His creation. In the Bible, God demonstrates His desire to: 1) have a relationship with Mankind; 2) demonstrate how man's sin created a separation from Him; 3) His plan to redeem Mankind back to Himself; 4) The sacrifice of God's own Son, Christ Jesus, to be the redeemer of Mankind; 5) The foundation of Christ's doctrine through His Apostles; 6) the establishment of the New Testament Church – the body of Christ.*

*The Bible is a written form of the Word of God. The Bible itself is only ink on paper (or if you use an electronic version, it is an organized sequence of 1's and 0's) configured in a recognizable format or language. It is the Holy Spirit which interacts with the reader that teaches and bears witness through their conscience as they read and study it.*

**John 6:63** It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.



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*God's Word is established in Heaven (1 John 5:7). The witness (or representative) we have is the Bible; that if read in the Spirit and prayerfully, it will come alive (quickened). This is the Word; in Spirit and in alive. As a person reads the Bible, they will find the Holy Spirit ministering to their hearts as they read it.*



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## **FCS1-4-01: What is the Bible?**

### **Question 1**

**How many books are in the Bible?**

55 books.

39 books.

66 books.

4 books

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

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### **Question 2**

**What languages are the Old and New Testaments originally written in?**

English.

Hebrew.

Aramaic.

Greek.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

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### **Question 3**

**What is a significant difference between the Old and New Testaments?**

The Old Testament relates to the redemption of mankind. The New Testament relates mostly to the Laws of Moses.

The Old Testament relates to the fall of mankind to sin. The New Testament relates to the redemption of mankind.

The Old Testament relates mostly to God's nature. The New Testament relates mostly to mankind's best qualities.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

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### **Question 4**

**As described in 2 Timothy 3:16-17, what may be the purpose of the scriptures?**

They are profitable for a great offering.

They guide the believer in doctrine.

They provide reproof and correction to judge righteously.

They provide great material for pulpit work.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

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### **Question 5**

**As described in John 6:63, What do the words of Christ offer?**

The opportunity to print in red ink.

They offer a comparison to choose either the words of Peter, or to choose the words of Christ.

They offer a living Word that leads a person to eternal life.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

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