

BASIC BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

13. THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING GOD'S WORD

In the Christian life, there is nothing more important than knowing GOD'S WORD, and knowing it well.

1. It is **light** to the traveller. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).
2. It is wholesome **food** for all, including the youngest. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2).
3. It **guides** us in the right track. "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11).

There is nothing in this world on which we can always rely with absolute confidence, except God's Word. Our Lord said: "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away" (Mark 13:31). 'BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURETH FOREVER' (1 Peter 1:25).

Some enquire after Christianity but drop out after a while. Why? Because they have neglected to study God's Word, or they have rejected it in their unbelief. Some Christians never grow and mature in their Christian life, because they do not study God's Word. Some Christians get into a lot of trouble because they do not know God's Word, or they disobey it.

STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD
...rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 1:15)

THE METHOD OF STUDYING GOD'S WORD

1. **Daily Reading**, using a systematic reading guide (e.g. RPG Notes). Every believer should spend a definite period each day to read and meditate on God's Word. Suggested time: 15-30 minutes.
2. **Bible Memorization**. This requires will power and mental discipline. The rewards, however, make the effort well worth it.

SUGGESTED MEMORY VERSES

Here are a few verses to start young Christians in the blessing of Bible Memorization.

SALVATION VERSES

1. **John 1:12** - 'But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.'

2. **John 3:36** – “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”
3. **John 5:24** - “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”
4. **John 14:6** – “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”
5. **Acts 4:12** - “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”
6. **Romans 3:20** – “Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.”
7. **Romans 3:23** – “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”
8. **Romans 5:12** – “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”
9. **Romans 6:23** – “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
10. **2 Corinthians 5:17** – “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”
11. **Ephesians 2:8,9** - “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”
12. **1 John 5:11,12** – “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”

You should make a careful and detailed study of the TEN COMMANDMENTS. For this, refer to Exodus 20:1-17:

“And God spake all these words, saying,

I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's."

The LORD'S PRAYER should be committed to memory!

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen."