

DEAR FRIEND, thank you SO much for receiving this New Testament! While it may appear to be just another book, it certainly is not! **It can change your life!** What you are holding is **God's love letter to you!** We want to help you understand **how the Bible is organized...**



*There are **27 books in the New Testament** and they are **each arranged by chapter and verse.**

*The first 4 books of the New Testament are the **Gospels**, meaning **"GOOD NEWS"**.

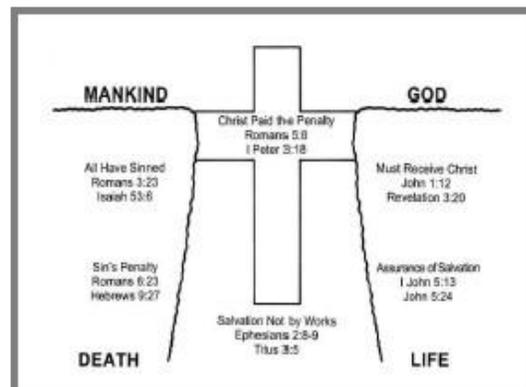
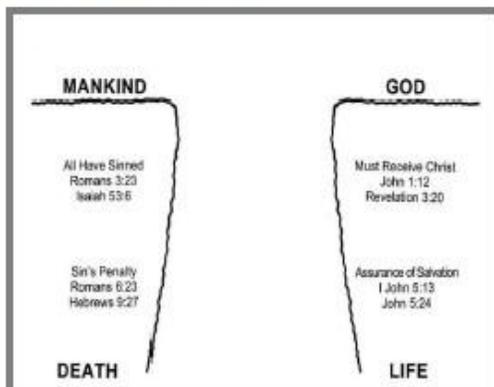
*The books of **MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE, & JOHN** are authorized biographies of Jesus Christ, **written by those who witnessed the miracles Jesus performed and all the things Jesus said and did.**

*They wrote about how Jesus died on the cross and why.

*They tell us Jesus was sinless and didn't deserve to die, but that He did so for us—in our place and for our sins. *This is the most important message in the Bible.*

A MESSAGE OF LOVE: JOHN 3:16

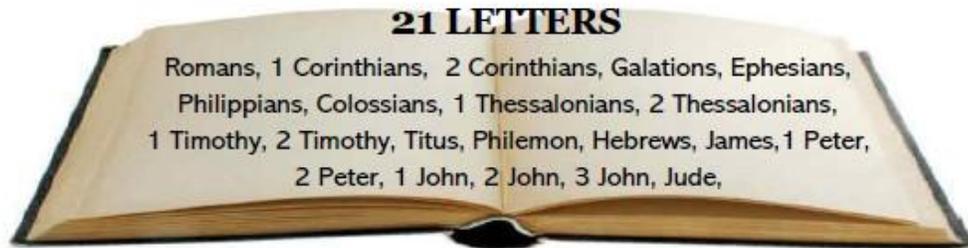
You see, **all of us have sinned in some way**—we've hurt others, we've hurt ourselves, and most importantly, we've offended God. God is holy and He can have nothing to do with sin. **Our sin separated us from God.** But He loved us so much that He sent Jesus into the world to solve that very problem. **Jesus was fully God and fully man** at the same time. **He became our way back to God.** Jesus Himself said, **"God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that *whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.*"** Jesus offers us eternal, forever-life if we'll only believe that He died for our sins. You'll read all about that in the Gospel of John.





The 5th book, called **Acts**, continues the **story after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension to heaven.** Acts tells how the message of Jesus spread through the Roman Empire.

Following ACTS, there are **21 "Letters"** that were written by followers of Jesus that teach us how to apply what Jesus taught.



REVELATION, the final book of the New Testament, **tells of Jesus' return.** Parts of Revelation are mysterious, even bewildering, as it contains symbolism about **the end of human history.**



THE PLAN OF SALVATION

One important feature of this New Testament is *The Plan of Salvation*, a 4-page study that begins on page 251. It describes in an easy-to-understand way why we need the salvation that Jesus offers and how we might receive it. This contains many references which you can look up and read for yourself in this New Testament. (A 'Bible reference' identifies three things: the 'book' in which the reference is found, followed by a specific chapter and verse within that book. So, John 3:16 points to the book of John, chapter 3, and verse 16. Try to find it now for yourself!)

Friend, You are about to begin a wonderful journey! If you would like some further guidance, please feel free to reach out. **My name is Gene Giguere and I am one of the pastors at Harvest Community Church** You can find us at:

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I'd be happy to speak with you, pray with you, and help you with your next step in following Jesus.

Get ready to encounter magnificent things in God's Word!