

LIFE WITH GOD

Unit 1: **RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

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INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

A. Ultimately written by God Himself (God > Prophets > Apostles and Evangelists)

1. **2 PETER 1:21**

2. Old Testament (before Christ)

3. New Testament (after Christ)

4. Chapters and Verses

B. How We Got the Bible

1. Oral Tradition

2. Hebrew Old Testament

3. Greek New Testament

C. Criteria for Codification

1. Written by a prophet

2. Confirmed by acts of God

3. Tells truth about God

4. Comes with Power of God

5. Accepted by People of God

6. Points to the Messiah of God (John 1:1-3, 14)

7. Triggers Relationship with God

D. Two Messages of the Bible

1. LAW ... Shows our Sin(s)

2. GOSPEL ... Shows our Savior

THE MEANINGS OF LIFE AND DEATH IN THE BIBLE

A. Two Greek words are translated LIFE.

1. *Bios* (BIOlogical Life) John 10:10

2. *Zoey* (Abundant Life) ... John 6:53-54

B. Greek *Thanatos* (DEATH) in the Scriptures

1. DEATH = No relationship with God

2. State of inner conflict (guilt, loneliness, inadequacy, futility, fear, shame)

C. HUMAN REASON (NATURAL) cannot generate *Zoey LIFE*

1. Spiritual Blindness (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)

2. Spiritually Dead (Ephesians 2:1-5)

3. Spiritual Enemies of God (Romans 5:6-10)

D. GOD DRAWS US INTO RELATIONSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

1. First know the AUTHOR ... then the SOURCE.

2. **JOHN 20:30-31**

3. The WORDS of the WORD OF GOD have CONSEQUENCES.