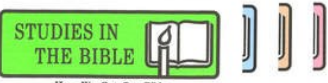


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How We Got Our Bible
Lesson 1

You are about to begin a study of the world's most wonderful book. It has often been called "the book" and rightly so. It is a book to read, study, and treasure. "Bible" actually is a combination of 66 books written by about 40 different authors scattered across nearly two thousand years of history. The story of how this remarkable book came into being with such part-fairing authors into the cities and with so few connections is most interesting. We must conclude it would have come only from God.

How The Bible Was Written

The Bible is divided into two great divisions known as the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament is over three times as long as the New Testament and its writing was completed about 400 years before the birth of Christ. Originally the "Hebrew" books were hand-written on animal skins (parchment) or on paper made from the Egyptian papyrus. They had not yet been printed, so every copy of an original had to be made by hand. Therefore, copies were not and extremely reliable.

The 39 Old Testament books were written in Hebrew, except for some portions in the Apocrypha. The first five were written by Moses about 1500 years B.C. (before Christ). During the next thousand years the remaining books were written, and it appears that from the words "written" alone all together into a single book (probably B.C. about 400 B.C.). In the third century before Christ the first great translation of the Old Testament from Hebrew into Greek was made at Alexandria, Egypt. It was called the Septuagint (meaning seventy persons) and was especially intended for Jewish scholars. Christ often quoted this version as a Hebrew text similar to it. In the fourth century, Christ often quoted this version as a Hebrew text similar to it. In the fourth century, Christ often quoted this version as a Hebrew text similar to it.

The 27 New Testament books were written in Greek by eight apostles, several of them apostles of Christ in the first century A.D. (after Christ). The New Testament covers events occurring in the first century, including the life of Christ and the establishment of his church. As a few of the Old Testament, all original copies have been lost or destroyed, and yet we have them. They were preserved by the early church and were never printed and are available for scholars to use in translating into other languages. The Bible, most important, was the Vatican Manuscript at the Vatican in Rome, written in the fourth century; the Alexandrian Manuscript in the British Museum in London, written in the fifth century; and the Sinaitic Manuscript, also in the British Museum, written in the fifth century.

* Scripture quotations from the King James Version.

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"All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee;
they shall sing to thy name. Selah (Psalm 66:4)."

“RELIGIOUS RIGOR MORTIS”

BY: SAM DILBECK

When Christians do not pray, study and grow (outside the worship or class setting), they are openly declaring their religious rigor mortis.

Rigor mortis is a postmortem condition in which the muscle tissue chemically changes and stiffens. It is a gruesome symbol of death and has earned the deceased the nickname Stiff. God’s church sometimes witnesses rigor mortis in local churches and individual Christians.

When churches fail to grow and be active, they show signs of religious rigor mortis. The mission of the church is three fold: evangelism, benevolence, and edification. However, many congregations tend to dwell on edifying its members to the neglect of evangelism and benevolence to their communities. Worse still is the fact that many of these churches do not edify well, failing to provoke Christians to love and good works (Heb. 10:24-26).

In cases like these, religious rigor mortis has set in as the church becomes content with the status quo. Churches like this are stagnant, being content with a few services a week and their yearly gospel meeting, never pushing its members to fulfill their individual duties.

Religious rigor mortis is not just the bane of congregations, but many Christians succumb to its stiff fetters. Christians are obliged to work, serve and grow. Failing to do these things shows rigor mortis. Some saints warm the pews at the appropriate time, but not much more. Others do not even do this, often attending less than a third of the church’s assemblies. Some stagnate, thinking the good done by the church will be applied to them, regardless of the fact they do not help in the church’s growth. It is certainly possible for members of a living and growing congregation to be individually dormant and thus spiritually dead.

When Christians do not pray, study, and grow (outside the worship or class setting), they are openly declaring their religious rigor mortis. These spiritual stiff neglect their obligation to teach their neighbors, encourage their brethren, or to feed the hungry. In speaking of the judgment day, Jesus said that those saints who do not fulfill their duty to others will be told, “Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not” (Mat. 25:41-43).

Rigor mortis is a grim sign of death. Religious rigor mortis is a gruesome and grim sign of spiritual death. Are you a spiritual stiff plagued by religious rigor mortis? Maybe you are only starting to have stiffening of the joints (sort of a spiritual arthritis) like the church in Sardis that was dying and stiffening. Jesus encouraged them to “strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die” (Rev. 3:2). Do not let rigor mortis set in your spiritual body. Get busy working for the Lord and strengthening His church.

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Please remember to pray for the sick. Also, please call, send cards to, and visit the sick.

BIBLE SCHOOL CORNER

Not Forgetting

The Psalmist says by inspiration of God in Psalm 119:116, “I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.” We should never forget God’s Word. We should study His Word every day (Psalm 1; II Timothy 2:15). A way to help us remember is to be at each assembling of the Saints (Hebrews 10:25). Be a part of the Bible Classes!

NEWS

- Thank you so much for being with us today. It is great to assemble in pureness of heart to worship the Great Father above. We especially welcome you, and we encourage you to come and be with us every opportunity that you have to do so.
- Pleasant Knoll church of Christ Gospel Singing, this Friday night at 7:00 until 9:00
- This week’s suggest pantry item is: kraut



“Pray without ceasing (I Thessalonians 5:17).”

