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The Proclaimer

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The Bible, Short and Sweet

The Bible is divided into two main parts. The Old Testament was God's will primarily to the Jewish nation. Its requirements were binding until the covenant of Christ became effective (**Colossians 2:14**).

The New Testament is God's will through Christ to all men living today. The Old and the New Testament were written by men who were inspired by the Spirit of God (**2 Timothy 3:16**). The New Testament was given through Christ (**Hebrews 1:1-2**).

We need knowledge of the Old Testament to understand many things in the New Testament, but it is to the New Testament that we must go to learn the way of salvation and the duty of the Christian (**Galatians 3:24**).

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, the first four books of the New Testament, are designed to present the evidences, "*that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name*" (**John 20:31**).

Acts of Apostles, the fifth book, tells one who believes in Jesus how to become a Christian. It answers the question: "*Sirs, what must I do to be saved?*" (**Acts 16:31**).

Romans to Jude are letters telling Christians how to live the Christian life and to conduct the church's work and worship.

Revelation, the last book in the Bible, tells the faithful Christian about his future home in a "*new heaven and a new earth*."

In order to get to heaven, we must do what God says for us to do (**Hebrews 5:8-9**). The Bible is our "*map*," showing the way to heaven. Let's follow it closely, speaking where the Bible speaks, and being silent where the Bible is silent (**1 Peter 4:11**).

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Prominent Religious Subjects

Some are surprised to learn that the Bible's teachings differ from what they have always heard. What have you heard about these prominent doctrines?

Falling from grace? The Bible teaches such is possible (**Galatians 5:4; Hebrews 6:1-6; 2 Peter 2:20-22**).

Inherited total depravity? The Bible teaches that sin is of such a nature that it cannot be inherited (**1 John 3:4**). Furthermore, the offspring does not bear the iniquity of the parent (**Ezekiel 18:20**). Children are innocent and safe (**Matthew 18:1-4**).

Predestination? The Bible teaches that certain kinds of individuals (those who are holy and love God) have been predestined to be saved (**Ephesians 1:4-5; Romans 8:28-38**); however, it is left up to the individual to choose to become such (**Revelation 22:17; Joshua 24:15; Matthew 16:24**).

The nature of the soul (spirit)? The Bible teaches that man has a spirit, and that it is immortal (**2 Corinthians 4:16-18; Luke 16:19-31; Matthew 25:46; Psalm 22:26**).

The reality of hell? The Bible teaches that hell is as real as heaven (**Matthew 25:46; John 5:28-29**). If there is a heaven to gain then there is hell to shun! A comprehensive description and picture of hell is found in **Revelation 14:10-11** and **Luke 16:19-31**.

Divorce and remarriage? The Bible teaches that marriage is for life (**Romans 7:1-4**). There is one exception: if one's spouse becomes a fornicator, the innocent partner can divorce and remarry (**Matthew 19:3-9**).

Women preachers? The Bible teaches that women are not to teach in a way that usurps authority over the man (**1 Timothy 2:11-15**). See also **First Corinthians 11:3**.

Premillennialism? The Bible teaches that (a) no one knows when Jesus is coming, **Mark 13:32**; (b) there will be one general resurrection, **John 5:28-29**; (c) the kingdom is now in existence, **Colossians 1:13**; (d) Jesus is now reigning as king, **Acts 17:7; 1 Corinthians 15:22-27**; (e) there will be no earth to come back to after the so-called rapture, **2 Peter 3:10**; (f) the land promises to Israel have already been fulfilled, **Joshua 21:43-45; 2 Chronicles 9:25**.

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from The Church Everybody is Talking About