



July 2025



More than a mother

*"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me."
(Isaiah 49:15-16)*



All people, even those who do not believe in God, would agree that a mother's love is the best form of unselfish, caring, sacrificial and unconditional human love. It is rare to see a mother who does not love her child. In Isaiah 49:15, God poses a rhetorical question to explain His love for His people. Even if your loving mother forgets you, God says, "I will not forget you!" At times, especially when we go through difficult times, we may think that there is no one to love us.

Here, God promises that not only does he love us, but he will never forget us as well. In Jeremiah 31:20, God says, "Is not Ephraim my dear son, the child in whom I delight? Though I often speak against him, I still remember him. Therefore, my heart yearns for him; I have great compassion for him." We can be confident like the psalmist that "Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me" (Ps.27:10).

In general, people like to have a blueprint for their lives to approach their future and achieve success

systematically. People say, "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail." When we face failures and disappointments, we may ask the Lord, "Why have you forgotten me?" (Ps.42:9). But God tells us that he has engraved us on his palms. Notice the verse carefully. People who often forget things would write names or particular things for their remembrance. But God inscribes us on his hands.

If we ask God for a plan for our future, he will tell us not to worry and show his pierced hands to assure his love. God has a plan for our future; it is better than ours (Jer.29:11). Lastly, God reminds us about his sovereign protection over our lives. More than the ancient city walls that protected the city's inhabitants, God protects us, provides for our needs. God sees us from heaven, and our help comes from him.

We have God's unique, amazing, and comforting promises for our lives. Why should we be anxious about anything? More than a mother, God loves us. His grace is sufficient for us. What more do we need!

- Arputharaj Samuel, Bangalore.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on behalf of the GODependence Team. I thank God for the opportunity to reconnect with you through this newsletter once again.

We have crossed the first six months of the year 2025. As part of our New Year resolutions, how consistently have we continued the habit of Bible reading? Are we able to continue with the same enthusiasm we had at the beginning?

In the fast-paced rhythm of modern life, it is easy to let our Bible reading slip into the background. Yet, for a Christian who desires to grow in Christ, remain anchored, and live purposefully, consistent engagement with God's Word is essential. It is through daily time in Scripture that we hear God's voice, realign our hearts, and find direction for life. Consistency may not always feel exciting, but it is deeply powerful and transformative.

Consistent Bible reading is not just a discipline; it is a lifeline. Just as "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4), daily engagement with Scripture feeds our soul and anchors us in God's truth. The Psalmist reminds us that those who "his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither." (Psalm 1:2-3). This rootedness comes not from occasional reading, but from a steady, ongoing connection with the Word of God.

Consistent Bible reading requires focus. Staying consistent in Bible reading requires focus and determination, especially when distractions abound. Proverbs 4:25-26 reminds us, "Let your eyes look straight ahead, and your eyelids look right before you. Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established." Apostle Paul also echoes this focus in Philippians 3:14, saying, "I press toward the goal for the

prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." When we set our hearts to stay the course, even in small daily moments, God honors that perseverance and shapes our character over time.

Consistent Bible reading also requires perseverance.

The small act of opening our Bible daily may not feel significant, but over time it shapes your heart, renews your mind, and trains our spirit. "Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." (Galatians 6:9). Daniel having the habit of praying in spite of adverse situation is the powerful example - "he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days." (Daniel 6:10). Such faithful habits build spiritual resilience.

The consistency in Bible reading is not about daily routine, but it is about relationship with God. So through daily interaction with God's Word, let us deepen our knowledge of Him, strengthen our faith, and prepare ourselves to walk faithfully in every season of life.

The 3rd Family Get-together of our GODependence Team has been arranged on 01 & 02 August 2025 in Bangalore. Remember us in your prayers as we the team members from various states are coming together along with the family members for fellowship, spiritual renewal and planning.

Kindly share your feedback and suggestions regarding this GODependence newsletter with us in the survey link given in page 4. Continue to pray for this ministry and help to introduce its services to others. May the name of the Lord be glorified.



**In Christ's service,
Dr. Pethuru Devadason.**

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS !

Bro. R. Stanley (BYM)



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|---|---|---|
| 1 IF Christ had not risen, | ➡ | we would still be in our sins! (1 Cor 15:17) |
| 2 IF God had not chosen and drawn us, | ➡ | we would have never become His children! (Jn 6:44; 15:16; Rom 8:28-30) |
| 3 IF someone had not preached the gospel to us, | ➡ | we would have never believed in Christ! (Rom 10:13,14; Acts 8:30,31) |
| 4 IF the Lord had not been patient with us, | ➡ | we would have never been forgiven! (Mt 18:26,27; Rom 2:4) |
| 5 IF God had not been merciful and compassionate, | ➡ | we would have been consumed! (Lam 3:22-24) |
| 6 IF Christ had not ascended to Heaven, | ➡ | we would have never received the Holy Spirit! (Jn 16:7) |
| 7 IF the Word of God had not been our delight, | ➡ | we would have perished in our sorrows! (Psa 119:92) |
| 8 IF God had not left a remnant in Church history, | ➡ | we would have become like Sodom and Gomorrah! (Isa 1:9) |
| 9 IF the Lord had not been on our side, | ➡ | we would have been swallowed by our enemies! (Psa 124:1-5) |
| 10 IF God had not made a hedge around us and set a limit, | ➡ | we would have been destroyed by the devil! (Job 1:10; 38:11; 1 Cor 10:13) |
| 11 IF the Holy Spirit had not planted us in the Church, | ➡ | We would not be growing in faith and love! (Psa 92:13,14; Eph 3:17-19; Heb 3:12,13; 10:24,25) |
| 12 IF Christ had not given us ministerial leaders, | ➡ | we would have gone astray! (Eph 4:11-13; Acts 20:28) |

A lifetime of research will not be sufficient to completely list out God's blessings and what we would have missed if He had not acted on our behalf. Nevertheless give yourself to this exercise so you **"forget not all His benefits!"**

*Count your blessings Name them one by one
Count your blessings See what God has done
Count your blessings Name them one by one
And it will surprise you What the Lord has done*

—Worship the Lord singing this hymn and stay grateful to Him.

Source: FIVE LOAVES & TWO FISH

Praise & Prayer Points - July 2025



Let's Praise God:

1. For each and every person who successfully completed their Bible reading by the end of June 2025.
2. For the 179 school students who have joined and are faithfully reading the Bible in the Children's Bible Reading Challenge groups (Tamil and English) launched in June 2025.
3. For the successful and impactful GODependence Talk Shows (in Tamil and English) held in June 2025 on the topic "How to Excel in Studies?", and for all those who participated and benefited from it.
4. For the Lord's help in completing all the activities planned for the month of June 2025.
5. For the grace of God that sustained us in every area — family, work, studies, health, and ministry — over the past six months.



Let's Pray:

1. For everyone who has joined the July 2025 Bible Reading groups to continue without interruption and successfully complete their reading plan.
2. For all children who are part of the Children's Bible Reading Challenge to finish their reading successfully, and that God will be with them as they memorize Scripture verses.
3. For the elderly members in the Bible Reading groups who are reading the Bible with great enthusiasm — may the Lord grant them health, strength, and life, and make them a source of blessing in their families.
4. For all who have undergone surgery in recent days and are waiting for full recovery may receive divine healing and continue to live as testimonies for God.
5. For the Lord to grant the GODependence team the needed wisdom, strength, and support to quickly complete some of the pending tasks.



Survey on GODependence Newsletter:

Dear Reader,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

For the past 9 months (including this one), the GODependence Newsletter has been a humble effort to encourage consistent Bible reading, share praise reports, and strengthen our fellowship through prayer and testimonies.

As we look ahead, we want to grow and improve — and **your feedback matters very much to us**. This short survey will take just a few minutes of your time but will help us serve you and others better through future issues.

Whether you've been a regular reader or just started, your honest thoughts, suggestions, and encouragement will guide us forward.

You can even respond in the given link, without mentioning your identity: <https://forms.gle/U7hvtAB6vmLSCFar9>

Thank you for being part of this journey. Let's keep depending on God together!

In Christ's love,

Editorial Team
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GODependence Bible Reading Challenges

BIBLE READING CHALLENGES - From 01 August 2025 onwards

"Begin reading your Bible this very day. The way to read the Bible is actually to read it." - J. C. Ryle. We, GODependence, assist you to read the whole Bible at your convenient time and speed.

The following are some of the testimonies of our Bible reading challenge participants who successfully read through the Bible:

👤♂ "The GODependence Bible Reading Challenge was a wonderful experience. It gave me the motivation to complete the reading each day without fail before the end of the day. I'm thankful to the team who helped us learn how to read the whole Bible. Praise be to God." – Winfred Francis E

👤♀ "This is an excellent initiative. It is well-planned to help every believer read the Bible regularly, systematically, and with passion. It has been a great support. It also serves as a strong motivation to read the Bible with eagerness and expectation." – Beulah Enoch

👤♂ "I am so happy you gave me the chance to read the full Bible portions. Otherwise, I couldn't have done it. Praise the Lord." - Dr. A. MariaSagayam

Do you need any assistance to sustain your Bible Reading efforts? If yes, GODependence invites you to join one of the "Bible Reading Challenges" that start from 01 August 2025 onward.

Its Special Features are:

- ✳ Your choice of Challenge Duration ranges from 1 Month to 1 Year [Reading the whole Bible in 1 month / 2 months / 3 months / 4 months / 6 months or 1 Year].
- ✳ Your choice of Language group from 10 Languages [English, Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu, Odia, Punjabi, Marathi or Bengali].
- ✳ Bible Reading Portion is given daily on the previous night.
- ✳ Daily Motivational Quotes or Clips on reading the Bible.
- ✳ Weekly, BiWeekly & Monthly Reviews to ensure progress.
- ✳ If you fall behind, jump back in! Our reading plan includes Catch-up days & Changing of Plans because we understand real life!
- ✳ User-friendly WhatsApp groups regulations.
- ✳ Certificate of Appreciation and Prizes (*Conditions apply).

👉 So if you are interested in completing Reading the whole Bible, join in one of the Challenges we designed for your convenience. Please make your choice of convenient Duration plan and Language group and inform us of your decision along with your Name (as to be printed in the Appreciation Certificate on successful completion of the Challenge) and Age to the WhatsApp number +91 95255 95265 by clicking this link: <https://wa.me/919525595265>.

Thank you. God bless you. Amen. 🙏

- Team GODependence

*** 🙏 This message can be shared with all your family members, relatives, Christian friends, and Church members so that they also may get into the habit of reading the Bible in a regular manner!

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True freedom is being dependent on God

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– J C Ryle

01 August 2025 onwards

- ✓ Join one of our Bible reading plans
- ✓ Start reading at your own convenience
- ✓ Scan the QR code to Join

For more information: [GODependence](https://wa.me/919525595265)
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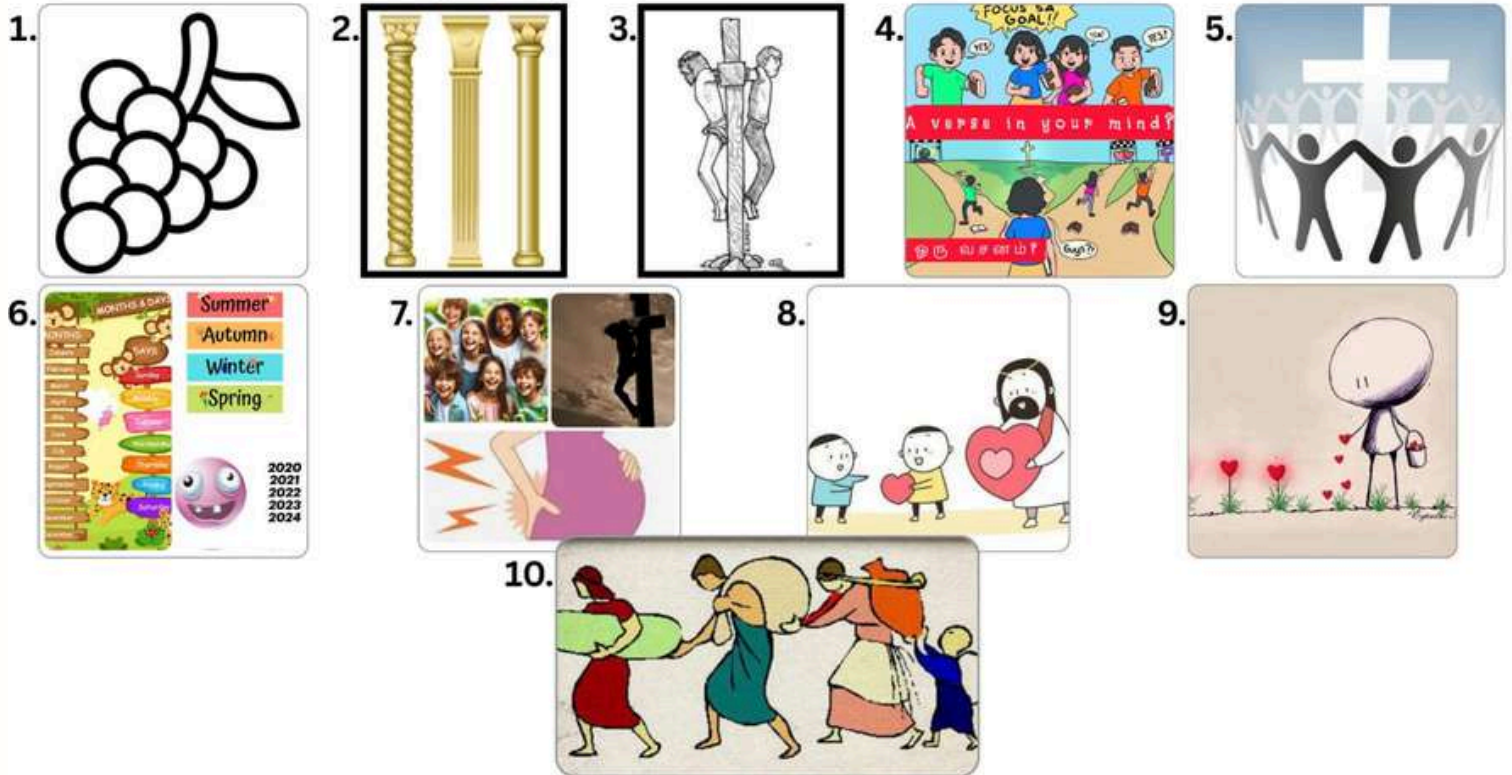
Scripture:
Galatians

LET'S PLAY BIBLE GAME - 9

Send the answers with Bible references.
You can use the Bible (NKJV) to find the answers



From the given pictures find the verses of Galatians



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Click on the given link and send the correct answer before 05/08/2025. The first 10 persons who send the correct answer will be mentioned in the next month's newsletter.

GODependence Social Media sites

GODependence WhatsApp Channel

This is the Official whatsapp channel of GODependence in English...

Kindly keep following this channel for the Daily Quotes in English and the regular updates on Bible Reading Challenges From GODependence. Thank you.

<https://whatsapp.com/channel/0029VaCtY5W72WtQlgnZKW28>



Contact Numbers for the Bible Reading Challenges:

GODependence is using the following contact numbers for Bible Reading Challenges in various languages.

You can contact the appropriate number to enroll into a particular language Bible Reading Challenge groups.

Tamil - +965 6596 2559
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Other Languages -
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(Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu, Odia, Punjabi, Marathi or Bengali)



Our Vision

To enlighten, enrich, and empower people to become dependent on God.



Our Mission

GODependence seeks to help people become dependent on God by engaging with God's Word and prayer.

GODependence Youtube Channel

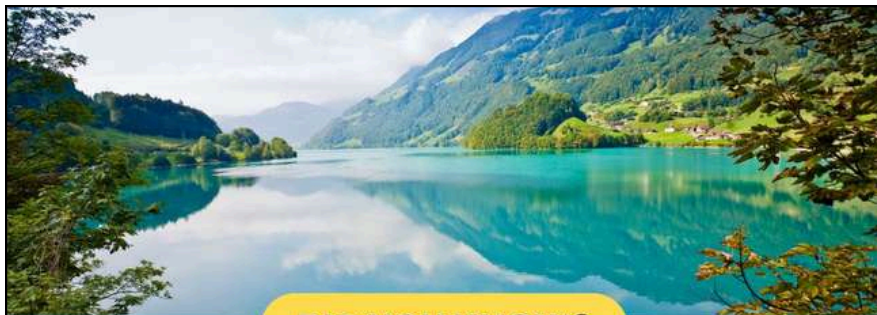
GODependence Youtube Channel has reached 190 Subscribers and 64 Videos.



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Did You Know?



DID YOU KNOW?

Who made the laws of Nature?

All branches of Science depend on the unchanging laws of nature. For example, An electromotive force will be generated when a magnet is moved inside an electric coil. All electric generators are made based on this law of nature. How did such laws come into existence? It is a fundamental truth that no law can exist without a lawmaker. Then who is the lawmaker? The Bible unambiguously declares that God is the lawmaker.

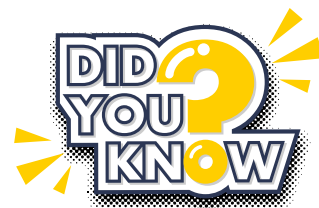
God says, "If I have not made my covenant with day and night and **established the laws of heaven and earth**, then I will reject the descendants of Jacob and David my servant and will not choose one of his sons to rule over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes and have compassion on them." (Jeremiah 33:25 Bible).

"And he established them forever and ever; he issued a decree that will never pass away." (Psalm 148:6 Bible).

Aren't you fascinated by these facts? Then read the Bible to discover more astounding truths about nature and human life.

Did you know a donkey once spoke to a prophet?

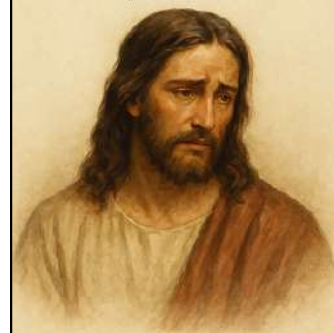
In Numbers 22:28, Balaam's donkey rebukes him, empowered by God to prevent a foolish act.



Did you know the shortest verse in the Bible is

JESUS WEPT

(John 11:35)



Last month let's play Bible game-8 & Bible Crossword Puzzle -8 the correct answers

Let's Play Bible Game -8

Correct Answers

From the given pictures find the verses

- 1) 2 Corinthians 5:7
- 2) 2 Corinthians 12:9a
- 3) 2 Corinthians 1:20
- 4) 2 Corinthians 5:17
- 5) 2 Corinthians 4:18
- 6) 2 Corinthians 10:4
- 7) 2 Corinthians 3:17
- 8) 2 Corinthians 4:7
- 9) 2 Corinthians 9:7
- 10) 2 Corinthians 5:21

People who sent correct answer:

Nirmala Beniel

Bible Crossword Puzzle -8

Correct Answers

Across

3. GIVER (9:7)
4. FLESH (12:7)
5. SPIRIT (3:6)
7. WEAKNESS (12:9)
8. CREATION (5:17)
12. AUTHORITY (10:8)
14. GRACE (9:8)

Down

1. LIGHT (11:14)
2. REJOICE (13:11)
4. FAITH (5:7)
6. GENEROSITY (8:2)
9. CARNAL (10:4)
10. COMFORT (1:4)
11. Liberty (3:17)
13. YOKED (6:14)

Scripture: 2 Corinthians



GODependence Bible Reading Challenges



Congratulations to the Successful Participants as on 30 June 2025

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Mordecai

A Great Mentor

(ESTHER 2: 5-11, 20; 4: 13-17)

Mordecai was a Jewish captive carried into exile by king Nebuchadnezzar. He took his cousin Esther as his daughter when her parents died.

During the reign of Xerxes, Esther became Queen. Mordecai continued to keep in touch with her. After some turn of events King Xerxes, tricked by Haman, issued a decree to destroy Jews on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month.

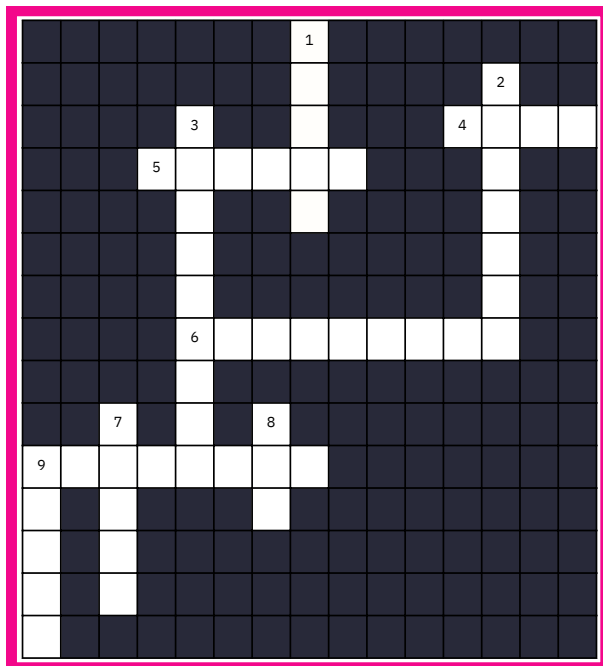
Then Mordecai asked Esther to meet the king. Esther was reluctant at first because it would risk her life. But because of the persuasion of Mordecai, she met the king. That meeting eventually led the king to issue a decree allowing the Jews to assemble and protect themselves; to kill and annihilate any armed force that attack them. The decree was executed by the Jews. Thus, the destruction of millions of Jews was thwarted.

Mentoring lessons from Mordecai:

- 1. Like Mordecai, we can also mentor others in the Lord, though they are not our children.
- 2. Mordecai continued to mentor Esther even after she became Queen. It is good to continue to pass on our wisdom to our mentees even though they get employed or get married.
- 3. Because of Mordecai's great influence on Esther, she continued to obey him even after she became Queen.
- 4. Through the intervention of Esther, the Jewish diaspora in Persia escaped annihilation. When we build up believers in Christ, they would do greater things than we can.

- Bro. A. R. Peter, Palakad, Kerala.

Bible Crossword Puzzle - 9



Across

- 4 The fruit of the Spirit is ____, joy, peace
5 A little ____ leavens the whole lump
6 I have been ____ with Christ
9 The law was our ____ to bring us to Christ

Down

- 1 Paul opposed this apostle to his face in Antioch
2 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one ____:
"Love your neighbor as yourself."
3 You foolish Galatians, who has ____ you?
7 Paul wrote to the Galatians out of deep ____
8 If you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the ____
9 Paul says there is neither Jew nor ____ in Christ



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- Send the answers with Bible references.
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Bible Reading Challenges

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4. Daily motivational quotes on reading the Bible.
5. Weekly, Bi-Weekly & Monthly reviews to check the Bible reading progress.
6. Catch-up days and Choice of changing the duration plans if required.
7. User-friendly WhatsApp group regulations - Exclusive group for Bible Reading.
8. Certificate of Appreciation and Prizes (conditions apply)
9. No fee is involved anywhere in the process, directly or indirectly.
10. Scope for further engagement with the Word of God (Bible Meditation, Bible Memorization, and Bible Study)

A wonderful opportunity to read the Bible regularly and systematically at your convenience.

<https://www.godependence.com/brc>

Your name, hometown, family, Christian background & upbringing:

Praise be to God. My name is Hariharan. I live in Tirunelveli district. I was raised in a devout Hindu family. I came to know Christ only after my marriage because my wife was a Christian. From that day on, I began to worship Christ as my Saviour, Jesus as my Saviour. I was baptised in early 2010.

How did you get introduced to the GODependence Bible Reading Challenges?

Once, while browsing Facebook, I came across a post about a Bible reading challenge. Then I opened the message. I was given a Google form to register, and as soon as I registered, they added me to the Bible reading challenge. Thank God.

On average, how many times have you read the entire Holy Bible so far? How many times have you read them through GODependence Bible reading?

Since the day I was baptised, I have read the entire Bible 10 times, and out of that, 6 times through our GODependence Bible Reading Challenge.

When I first joined this Bible reading challenge, I found myself reading the scriptures as someone who could not fully understand their meaning. I finished reading it completely that year. They gave me some tips when I was joining for the next year. I looked at those notes received via WhatsApp, and understood the meaning of each word in the scriptures, and started reading them. Because of that, I began to understand many verses. Then I realized that the Spirit was speaking to me. Through this, I was able to do one thing with great effort: not to go out without reading the Bible every day.

What are the blessings you receive when you read the Holy Bible?

I have received many benefits and blessings through reading the Bible. Sometimes when I talk to God, many things are revealed to me. Those are things that are based on my character. The Lord showed them to me. Some things needed to be changed, and the Spirit of the Lord helped me change them. Sometimes when I kneel before the Lord and make requests in His presence, the Lord hears those requests and turns them for my good on many occasions. Therefore, I am grateful to the Lord. The primary reason for all of this is the GODependence Bible reading challenge.

The GODependence group, which hosts this Challenge, provides the day's scripture portions every morning. Through that, you can easily complete the scripture reading challenge for that year by reading it. This Bible reading is offered in various durations. The most suitable duration for me was one year. That's why I was ready to do it.

Finally, what would you like to say to the Tamil Christian world in a few sentences about the Holy Bible, and the importance of reading it?

To my beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord, I would like to tell you right now that no matter what difficulties we encounter on our paths when we walk in the light of the Scriptures, the Lord Himself changes all those difficulties and guides us to a good path. Let us not hesitate but delight in His word, for the Lord, who said, "I will go before you and make all your crooked paths straight," goes before us. May the Lord help us all to meditate on His word.

Amen.

Your name, hometown, family, Christian background & upbringing:

Praise the Lord. My name is Mrs. Golden Janet, and I work as a teacher. I was born and raised by Christian parents. Seeing my mother's prayers and scripture reading, God gave this servant the desire to read the scriptures from a young age and the will to complete it.

On average, how many times have you read the entire Holy Bible so far?

God blessed this servant with the grace to complete the entire Bible 37 times. He especially blessed her with the grace to complete the entire Bible 17 times through the GODependence Bible Reading Challenge. May the name of the Lord be glorified.

What are the blessings you receive when you read the Holy Bible?

The blessings I have received through reading the Scriptures are numerous. I started reading the Bible for 6 months from June to November 2024, with the vow to read the whole Bible, kneeling at least once.

What obstacles have you encountered while reading the Holy Bible? How did you overcome them?

written in Philippians 4:13. The Lord strengthened me. Praise be to God for the grace to read on my knees at the age of 53.

My husband has been reading the Bible once a year since 2017. Since 2020, he has been reading it together with GODependence, and he has been reading it 3 or 2 times a year. He has read it 16 times so far. Also, I thank God for the grace that our eldest son started reading the Bible at the age of 9 and completed it 15 times through GODependence, and our youngest son read the Bible twice before 2021 and 4 times through GODependence since 2021. The work of Godependence is a great help to our family, to continue to read without ceasing. May the Lord bless the workers of Godependence.

Finally, what would you like to say to the Tamil Christian world in a few sentences about the Holy Bible, and the importance of reading it?

Those who have never read the Bible even once, please join this group and read it. The Word of God will speak to you, comfort you, strengthen you, warn you, and build you up. It will ultimately give you a heavenly life where you will receive eternal life. May the Lord Himself bless this testimony. Amen. Hallelujah.

Whenever I read the Word of God, He gave me the exact "manna" I needed for each day and for every circumstance — He comforted me and strengthened me.

We must not only read His Word but live according to it. This is not only for our own lives — it becomes a blessing for our future generations as well, helping them to serve the Lord.

May the Lord give me grace to read His Word many more times and walk according to it.

May the name of the Lord be glorified!

Testimonies - 3

Mrs. Elizabeth

Glory be to the name of the Lord. My name is Mrs. Elizabeth, and I live in Thandaiyarpuram, Chennai. I was raised in a Christian background. I have three children and five grandchildren.

I had read the Bible several times before joining the GODependence Bible reading program. I read it two or three times a year. Sometimes I can't read it even once. So I joined this project. I read it four times in 2024. I've read it twice now. When you are so eager to finish reading the Bible, you will not be able to sleep until you finish it at night. This is the third time I have joined the 2-month program. This allows me to read the Bible in depth. I will finish the next day's part on Sunday. This leads to good results in school. I gained the wisdom to speak among teachers and the courage to speak about the Lord among others.

When each of us understands and reads the Bible, it will show us the path we should follow. It will lead us on a holy path.

So everyone can join this project and receive the blessings of the Lord. May the Lord bless you all. Amen.

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Galatians

Time of Writing: A.D. 49-50

Author of the Book: Apostle Paul

Time of Events: A.D. 49

Type of Book: Letters

Introduction to the Book

- Like the letter written to the Romans, another letter that briefly speaks about justification by faith is Galatians. This letter is an exposition of the letter to the Romans. Specifically, Romans chapters 1-8 serve as a detailed explanation of Galatians 2:15-21.

Context and Purpose

- In the Galatian church, some Judaizing Christians entered and spoke against the teaching delivered by Paul. They said the observance of the law, such as circumcision, must be followed. They accused Paul of removing some legal expectations to gain a good name among the Gentile Christians. In this context, Paul writes this letter harshly to refute the teaching of the Judaizing Christians. Paul wrote this around A.D. 52-53. The churches in Galatia consisted of Jews and Gentile converts. Paul's purpose in writing to these churches is to confirm that justification is by faith alone, apart from the works of the Law of Moses. The essential truth that a person is justified not by human deeds but by faith was denied by the Judaizers, because they insisted that Christians must observe the Law of Moses. Especially, the Judaizers strongly insisted that Gentiles who wished to be saved must undergo circumcision. In other words, Paul, knowing that they say, "First convert to Judaism, then you are eligible to become a Christian," writes this letter to emphasize our freedom in Christ and to oppose the distortion of the gospel promoted by the Judaizers.

Key Verses

- Gal. 2:16, Gal. 2:20, Gal. 3:11, Gal. 4:5-6, Gal. 5:22-23, Gal. 6:7

Summary of the Book

- The meaning of being justified by grace through faith is that we have spiritual freedom in Christ. We are not slaves to the commands of the Old Covenant law. Paul sternly condemns anyone who tries to demean God's grace or change the gospel (Gal. 1:8-10). He gives his apostolic credentials (Gal. 1:11-2:14), and stresses that righteousness is not by works of the Law (Gal. 2:21), but comes through Christ. Paul says the Galatians must stand firm in their freedom and not again be caught in the yoke of slavery (i.e., the Law of Moses) (Gal. 5:1). Christian freedom is not to fulfill the sinful nature but is an opportunity to love one another (Gal. 5:13; 6:7-10). Christian life is not in the flesh, but in the power of the Spirit (Gal. 5:16-18), because our flesh was crucified with Christ (Gal. 2:20). As a result, the Spirit will produce His fruits in the believer's life (Gal. 5:22-23). The issue is not whether someone is circumcised, but whether he is a "new creation" (Gal. 6:15). Salvation is the work of the Spirit, we must be born again (John 3:3). External religious rituals like circumcision have no value in the realm of the Spirit.

In Galatians chapters 1-2, Paul says we are acceptable to God by faith alone. Christians are sanctified not by works of the Law, but by obedience that comes from faith. He strongly affirms that those who belong to Christ are called to a life of inheritance (chapters 3-4). Christian life is based on love that results from faith in Christ (chapters 5-6).

Connections

- Throughout the epistle to the Galatians, the topic of salvation—as a gift from God—is set against the unachievable Law of Moses. Judaizers urged a return to the Law of Moses as the basis for justification and were influential in the early church. Even Peter was temporarily drawn into their hypocrisy (Gal. 2:11-13). Paul explains the Law cannot justify (2:16), the believer is dead to the Law (2:19), Abraham was justified by faith (3:6), the Law brings God's wrath and not salvation (3:10), love is the fulfillment of the Law (5:14), believers are not Hagar's children but Sarah's spiritual children (4:21-31). The book of Galatians highlights the gospel of grace that produces a righteous life (Gal. 3:13-14).

Practical Application

- One of the main themes of the book of Galatians is found in 3:11: "The just shall live by faith." We must stand firm in this truth. If we could be saved by obeying the law, Christ need not have died (Gal. 2:21). Trying to save ourselves nullifies God's grace. We are not only saved by faith (John 3:16, Eph. 2:8-9), but Christ lives in the believers (Gal. 2:20). Faith is not something we imagine or works we do, it is God's gift (Eph. 2:8-9), but by reading the Word, praying, and obeying, it is our responsibility and joy to display our faith for others to see. All Christians must try to build up the faith of salvation within them, so that our life reflects Christ, and others may "glorify our Father in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

Structure of the Book

1. Introduction (Greeting and Gospel) 1:1-10
2. Narrative Section: Paul's call to apostleship, Jerusalem council, Gospel declared by Paul 1:11-2:2
3. Doctrinal Section: Justification by faith before God 3:1-4:31
4. Exhortation Section: Living the Christian life of inheritance and faith 5:1-6:10
5. Conclusion 6:11-18
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GODependence Team 3rd Family Get-together - August 2025

The 3rd Family Get-together of our GODependence Team has been arranged on 01 & 02 August 2025 in Bangalore.

Remember us in your prayers as we the team members from various states are coming together along with the family members for fellowship, spiritual renewal and planning.



**GODependence Team 1st Family
Get-together on 08 July 2023 @ Vallioor,
Tirunelveli District.**



**GODependence Team 2nd Family
Get-together on 27 July 2024 @ Chennai.**



GODependence Talkshow - July 2025

Talk show for the month of July 2025 couldn't be arranged.

It will be arranged in the coming month.

Bible Meditation Groups (BMG) - from September 2025

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the Bible Meditation Groups (BMG) we had planned to restart and to conduct them continuously will happen from September 2025 only.

Notifications and details on the training will be sent in the Bible Reading Challenge groups in August 2025.



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