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WHY DO PEOPLE REJECT THE LIGHT?

The light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.” John 3:19-21

When Jesus came into the world, He brought God’s truth, holiness, and salvation. John describes Jesus as the Light that has come into a dark world. Yet, surprisingly, many people rejected Him. The problem was not that the Light was too dim, but that people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

Don't twist the Word to fit your life instead, you should untwist your life to fit the Word. – Unknown

People often avoid God's truth because it exposes their sin. Pride, dishonesty, greed, immorality, and selfishness can remain hidden in spiritual darkness, but when Christ's light shines, these things are revealed for what they are. Therefore, those who want to continue in sin often resist God's Word and avoid coming to Christ.

Jesus explains that everyone who practices evil hates the light because they do not want their deeds to be exposed. This does not mean they literally hate light, but they resist the truth that confronts their sinful lifestyle. Just as a patient may avoid a doctor for fear of hearing a serious diagnosis, many avoid Christ because they do not want to face the reality of their spiritual condition.

However, there is another kind of person—the one who does the truth. Such a person is honest before God and willing to respond to His truth. He comes to the light, not because he is perfect, but because he desires to live according to God's will. When his life is examined, it becomes clear that the good he does is the result of God's work within him.

Let us remember that our response to Jesus reveals the condition of our hearts. The Light has come into the world. Those who cling to sin run from it, but those who seek God come to it. The good news is that Christ did not come merely to expose our darkness but to rescue us from it. When we come to Him in repentance and faith, He forgives our sins and transforms our lives.

Today, each of us must answer a simple question: Are we hiding in the darkness, or are we willing to come into the light of Christ?

- Arputharaj Samuel, Bangalore.

God doesn't promise a life free from trials. However, He has given us the tools we need to fight our battles through His Word, the Bible. - Heather Bixler



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On behalf of the GODependence team, I extend my loving wishes to each one of you. I thank God for this opportunity He has given us to connect with you once again through this newsletter.

All Christians desire to read the Bible daily. However, some statistics suggest that only about 10-15% of Christians read the Holy Bible regularly every day. Even among those who read it, only a small number actually live according to what they read. This painful reality is clearly addressed in James 1:22-25. The Apostle James warns us: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." (V22).

1. Those Who Do Not Hear the Word - and Do Not Obey It

The first group consists of people who pay no attention to God's Word. They neither read nor listen to the Bible,

nor do they live according to it. Using James' illustration of a mirror (James 1:23-24), these people are like those who refuse even to look into a mirror. They have no desire to examine their spiritual condition. They listen only to the voices of the world and follow the desires of the flesh. Since they do not recognize their sin and shortcomings, they never come to true repentance. Their lives continue in spiritual blindness because they never hear the Word. As a result, they do not even realize that they are deceiving themselves (James 1:22).

Many of them may regularly attend church. However, their attendance is often based on habit or tradition rather than a genuine desire to hear God's Word. During sermons their minds wander elsewhere, and during Scripture readings their attention is distracted.

Consequently, they experience little spiritual growth and remain spiritually stagnant. As Romans 10:17 reminds us, “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God,” and where God’s Word is not heard, faith cannot grow.

2. Those Who Hear the Word – but Do Not Obey It

The second group reads, hears, and pays attention to God’s Word but fails to put it into practice. James 1:23–24 describes them perfectly: “For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror, for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.” These people see their sins, weaknesses, and areas needing change in the mirror of Scripture. Yet, as soon as they walk away, they forget what they have seen. They do not forsake the sins exposed by God’s Word, nor do they practice the good

There is a significant gap between knowledge and action in their lives. They may talk about the Bible, discuss it, and even teach it. Yet they continue to harbor anger, bitterness, jealousy, and worldly desires. James 1:26 reminds us that “If anyone ^[a]among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless.” True religion does not end with hearing God’s Word, it is expressed through helping those in need and living a holy life (James 1:27). Sadly, this group represents the majority of people in many churches today.

3. Those Who Hear the Word – and Obey It

The third group are the ones who experience God’s true blessing. James 1:25 says: “But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the

works it commands.

The Bible is a Father’s letter of instruction to show us how to live the kind of life he wants to give us.

work, this one will be blessed in what he does.” These people do not merely read the Bible and move on. They remain in God’s Word. They meditate on it, reflect upon it, and apply it to their lives. They not only see themselves in the mirror of Scripture but also take immediate steps to correct what needs changing and grow toward spiritual maturity.

When the Bible says, “Do not lie,” they choose to speak the truth. When it says, “Love your enemies,” they begin to show love instead of hatred. When it says, “Care for the poor,” they extend a helping hand. Their faith is completed by their actions (James 2:22). As a result, they are blessed in what they do. They walk in God’s presence and favor. Their lives become examples to others and draw many people to the Lord. These are the pillars of the church and the salt and light of the world.

Among Christians, relatively few read the Bible regularly, and among those who read it, even fewer live according to it. The important question is: Which category do we belong to? May we all strive to become people of the third category—those who hear God’s Word and faithfully obey it. May the Lord grant us the grace, strength, and commitment to read His Word, listen to it, and put it into practice with all our hearts.

Despite various challenges, the Bible Reading Challenge (BRC) groups for June 2026 have been successfully launched. While starting these groups, all 3 of our WhatsApp numbers used for the ministry encountered repeated spam-related issues, which significantly affected our work. Please pray that God will grant us the wisdom needed to handle these matters in the days ahead.

During May 2026, Bible Readathons were conducted in three languages: Tamil, English, and Telugu. For this month also, a 4-hour Telugu Bible Readathon is scheduled to be held on 27 June 2026.

As a continuation of the Talk shows conducted in April on the topic *‘‘Meditating on the Bible: Why, When, and How?’’*, the May sessions were designed to explain various methods of Bible meditation. For those who participated in these programs, Bible Meditation Groups are planned to be launched from July 2026 onwards. Please remember these efforts in your prayers.

We hope that you regularly read our monthly newsletters. We kindly request you to share your feedback and comments on their content from time to time.

Please continue to pray for the ministries of GODependence. Kindly introduce these ministries and services to others as well.

May the name of the Lord be glorified.

In Christ’s service,
Dr. Pethuru Devadason.



Our Vision & Our Mission

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.

The Bible is filled with spiritual truth that can only be seen with an eye opened by the Spirit of GOD. - Bruce Hurt

Praise & Prayer Points - June 2026

Praise God For:

1. Everyone who have successfully completed their Bible reading during May 2026.
2. The GODependence seminars held on May 24, 2026, in Tamil and English on the topic “Methods of Meditating on the Word of God,” and for making it beneficial to many.
3. Everyone who enthusiastically participated in the Bible Readathons held in English, Tamil, and Telugu on May 26, 28, and 30, 2026 respectively, reading the Scriptures and glorifying the name of the Lord.
4. Helping us start the June 2026 Bible Reading Groups despite many challenges, and for the many participants who joined the groups and began their Bible-reading journey.
5. His protection and guidance that continue to sustain each one of us amidst various circumstances and challenges. 

Let's Pray For:

1. Everyone who has joined the June 2026 Bible Reading Groups and is faithfully reading the Bible despite various challenges will be able to complete their reading successfully.
2. The Lord to grant wisdom to the students who will be taking the NEET re-examination on June 21, 2026, so that they may perform well.
3. The wisdom needed by school children who have begun the new academic year 2026–2027. Let us also pray that many children will join the Children’s Bible Reading Challenge Groups (CBRC) starting on June 8 and actively read the Bible and memorize Bible verses.
4. The three GODependence WhatsApp numbers, which have been facing ongoing issues, will be protected from spam-related problems, and that the difficulties in sending daily Bible reading portions on time will be removed.
5. The GODependence seminar and Bible Readathon events scheduled for June 2026, and also that the Bible Meditation Groups (BMG) will be successfully launched and become a blessing to many. 

The Bible is very clear that God put you here on Earth to do two things:
to learn to love God and to learn to love other people. - Rick Warren 

The Slogans of Protestant Reformation



Slogan 4: “Christ alone!” (*Solo Christo*)

Solo Christo! Christ alone! This slogan has at least 7 implications –

(4) Christ is the only Foundation of the Church.

God gave Apostle Paul “abundance of revelations” especially concerning the Church. Without his Epistles in the New Testament we would have run short of material to understand the mystery and functioning of the Church. He wrote, “According to the grace of God given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the FOUNDATION ... Because no other FOUNDATION can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is **Jesus Christ**” (1 Corinthians 3:10,11). It is not Apostle Peter but the revelation that God the Father gave him which, according to Jesus, was the foundational truth on which He would build His Church (Matthew 16:18,19). Yes, what we think about Jesus is the foundation for our personal life and Church life. The revelation God has given us through His “apostles and prophets” is the foundational truth on which we are built as “a holy temple in the Lord” (Ephesians 2:20-22). God used Apostle Peter as a “key” to open up the door of the Church for the Jews first and then the Gentiles (Matthew 16:19, Acts 2:40,41, 10:44-47). Peter himself ascertains that Christ is the only Foundation: “It is contained in the Scripture, behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes in Him will by no means be put to shame” (1 Peter 2:6-8). This is a quote from Isaiah 28:16, “A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure **Foundation.**”

Christ is not only the Foundation, He is also the Head of the Church, not the Pope or any Bishop! (Ephesians 1:22, 4:15, Colossians 1:18). False doctrines creep in when we don’t “hold on to the Head” (Colossians 2:18-22).

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness,
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus’ Name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand!

Give me the insight, Lord, As I read Your Word today, So I will truly understand Your message and Your way. - **Monroe**

(5) Christ is not to be compared with anyone.

We are well aware of the blundering statement Peter made on the Mount of Transfiguration. He kept Moses and Elijah in par with Jesus when he suggested to erect three Tabernacles, one for each on the Mount. Heaven could not endorse what Peter spoke “not knowing what to speak” (Mark 9:6). God’s displeasure on such a proposal is seen in the words, “while he was still speaking” a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came “suddenly” saying, “This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!” (Matthew 17:5,6). Christ is unique and incomparable! India, and even the whole world, is known for god-men. Beware!

(6) All the blessings of God are through Christ only.

The Book of Ephesians is called the Alps of the New Testament. It speaks of our blessings with the exalted Christ. “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with EVERY spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3). Even the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is because Christ was exalted and we believe in Christ (John 7:37- 39). Peter in his Pentecostal sermon, explains this pointedly: Acts 2:33, “Being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, Jesus poured out this which you now see and hear.” When we have Christ we have everything. He has become everything to us: “Wisdom ... Righteousness ... Redemption” (1 Corinthians 1:31). We say that the Bible is Christocentric. Our life also must be Christocentric. “Not I but Christ!” (Gal 2:20).

(7) Christ is the only Lord.

In the Gospels, when the Law was still in the force, Christ was the Lord of the Sabbath also (Mark 2:28). In the Book of Acts He was the Lord of the Harvest (Mark 9:38, Acts 2:41, 4:4). In the Epistles He is the Lord of the Church (Ephesians 5:29). In the Book of Revelation He is the Lord of the Nations as the Lord of lords and the King of kings (Revelations 17:14, 19:16, 1 Timothy 6:15). Summarily, He is the Lord of all (Acts 10:36).

When we come together to break bread, it’s mainly to “remember” **Christ** with reference to His “death” and “return,” and to recognize the fellow members of the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 11:26). The doctrine of transubstantiation that the bread and the wine transform into the body and the blood of Christ is unfounded in Scripture.

These are all idolatrous beliefs. The bread and the wine are not “sacraments” (sacred substances) but only “symbols” of our union with Christ (1 Corinthians 10:16). Breadbreaking should be a celebration, not a ceremony. What served as an occasion of daily collective rejoicing before God has become a weekly or monthly ritual (Acts 2:46).

Sing –

The Church’s one foundation

Is Jesus Christ her Lord: S

He is His new creation

By water and the Word:

From heaven He came and sought her

To be His holy bride,

With His own blood, He bought her,

And for her life, He died.

– S. J. Stone, 1839-190

-It will be continued...

(Selected from Bro. R. Stanley’s book “Here I Stand”)

Readers Voice

We warmly invite our readers to share your views, opinions, feedback, testimonies, and questions related to the contents of this newsletter. Your insights encourage us, enrich others, and help strengthen this growing community of lovers of the word of God.

Selected contributions will be featured each month in the **Readers’ Voice** section of the GODependence Newsletter. Let us grow together by learning from one another and by sharing how God’s Word is working in our lives.

Your voice matters to us. We look forward to hearing from you.  **+91 95255 95265**



MARTHA AND MARY

Jesus' Call to Balance Hospitality and Devotion



Luke 10:38-42

In this passage, Martha was seemingly busy preparing a grand meal for Jesus, while Mary chose to sit at His feet and listen to Him. Jesus commented, "...Mary has chosen what is better..." Through this incident, Jesus teaches us the importance of setting the right priorities.

Balancing hospitality and devotion

Our main focus in inviting someone should not be to display our culinary skills or the grandeur of our home, but to express Christian love and care. While it is necessary to keep our homes welcoming and serve guests well, our greater priority should be spiritual fellowship and encouragement. So we must include an informal time of devotion in the schedule. Guests should leave feeling loved, valued, and spiritually refreshed. One of the best ways to show love is by listening. More than offering advice,

sincerely listening to others creates deeper relationships and meaningful fellowship.

You can share the gospel by telling how you came into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. If your guests are spiritually mature believers, you can humbly learn from their spiritual wisdom and experience.

In her well-known book *Open Heart, Open Home*, Karen Burton Mains beautifully expresses the spirit of Christian hospitality:

When you invite someone into your home, your desire should not be to hear, "How great your home is!" but rather, "How great your love toward us is!"

Let us open our homes—and our hearts—to those who need love, fellowship, and spiritual guidance!

— Bro. Peter A. R., Palakkad, Kerala.

Nobody can take away from you those texts from the Bible which you have learned by heart. - Corrie Ten Boom

Bible Reading Challenges

From 01 July 2026 onwards

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." - Isaiah 30:21

All Christians love to read the Bible every day. However, according to some statistics, only about 10 to 15% of Christians read the Bible regularly/daily. Some Christians read the bible when they have free time or when they have no other work.

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True freedom is being dependent on God

BIBLE READING CHALLENGES

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- Isaiah 30:21



01 July 2026 onwards

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

For more information:  **GODdependence**
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Send a WhatsApp Message request in this format:
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Let the Bible's light be your illumination, and you shall become more wise than Plato.

- Charles Spurgeon

It is sad that one-third of Christians do not read the bible even once in a year. Many elderly people and godly men and women read the whole bible more than one time in a year. Some committed Christians who are in a busy work schedule also give time to read the bible regularly.

How about you? 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 July 2026 onward.

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

👤 "The Bible Reading Challenge disciplined me to read my Bible in a regular and systematic manner. The daily Bible Quotes, Prayer Concerns, and messages were very helpful and thought-provoking. I also enjoyed the weekly quizzes. The biweekly reviews helped me stay accountable and complete the assigned portions on time." – [Glady Thomas](#)

👤 "By the grace of God, I was able to join this Bible Reading Challenge group and complete reading the entire Holy Bible for the fifth time including this three-month reading plan. Through this journey, God has helped me grow stronger in my fellowship with Him. I am also thankful to the team for their support and encouragement." – [P. Augusta](#)

👤 "This Bible Reading Challenge was a great blessing to me. It helped me stay disciplined in reading the Bible daily, increased my knowledge of God's Word, and strengthened my relationship with Him. I am grateful for this opportunity and look forward to continuing my Bible-reading journey." – [Annajothi K.](#)

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].

Bible Reading Challenges

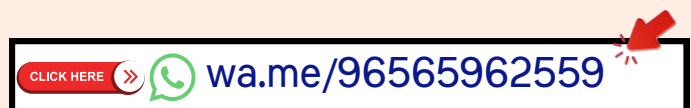
From 01 July 2026 onwards

- ✨ 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 +919525595265 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!* 💬

If we are cut loose from the anchor of God's Word, we will not be free. We will be slaves of personal passions and popular trends. - John Piper

GODependence Bible Reading Challenges



Bible Reading Challenges

6 Plans in 10 Languages*

Reading Planner

*OUR BIBLE READING CHALLENGES START ON THE **FIRST DAY OF EVERY MONTH.**

1 MONTH READING CHALLENGE

Every day 45 chapters

Reading time

2 hours 30 mins

2 MONTHS READING CHALLENGE

Every day 22 chapters

Reading time

1 hour 30 mins

3 MONTHS READING CHALLENGE

Every day 15 chapters

Reading time

60 minutes

You can choose a convenient plan

4 MONTHS READING CHALLENGE

Every day
11 chapters

Reading time

45 minutes

6 MONTHS READING CHALLENGE

Every day
7 or 8 chapters

Reading time

25 minutes

1 YEAR READING CHALLENGE

Every day
3 or 4 chapters

Reading time

15 minutes

Why delay? Join today!

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**You can join any reading plan that fits your desire and language.*

**Our reading plans are available in English, Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu, Odia, Punjabi, Marathi and Bengali languages.*

The Bible is ...as necessary to spiritual life as breath is to natural life. There is nothing more essential to our lives than the Word of God. - Jack W. Hayford

GODependence Bible Reading Challenges



Bible Reading Challenges

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2. Choice of Language - 10 Languages (English, Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu, Odia, Punjabi, Marathi and Bengali).
3. The Bible Reading portion is shared on the previous night itself.
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.**

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Bible Crossword Puzzle-20

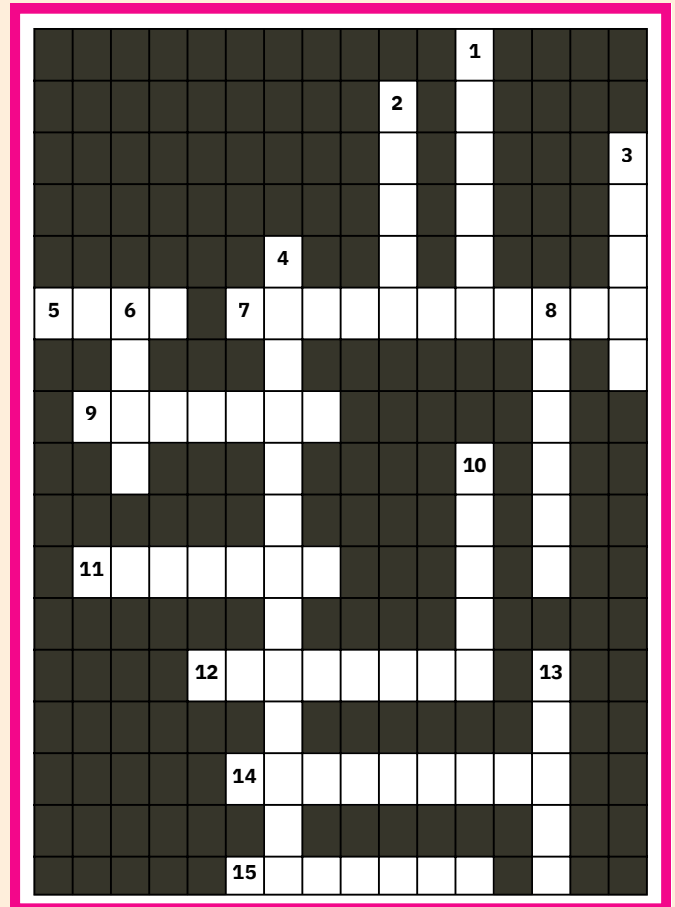
Scripture Portion 1 Peter

Across:

- 5 Spiritual nourishment desired by newborn believers
- 7 Stone that causes unbelievers to stumble
- 9 One spiritual gift involves speaking as the ___ of God
- 11 The church symbolically referred to as this city sends greetings
- 12 Fellow elder who sends greetings from Babylon
- 14 The lion-like enemy believers must resist
- 15 The process by which faith is refined like gold

Down

- 1 Region in Asia Minor listed first among the recipients
- 2 The prophets searched diligently concerning this gift
- 3 Eight people were saved through this in Noah's day
- 4 God's prior knowledge mentioned in the greeting
- 6 Sarah called Abraham by this title
- 8 Fiery should not surprise believers
- 10 Former lifestyle believers are not to conform to
- 13 Christians are described as this type of priesthood



Notes : Send the answers with Bible references.

You can use the Bible to find the answer.



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Click on the given link and send the correct answer before 27/06/2026. The first 10 persons who send the correct answer will be mentioned in the next month's newsletter.

The names of the people who participated in the Bible Crossword Puzzle - 19 & LET'S PLAY BIBLE GAME - 19 in last month's issue and sent in the correct answers.

Sis. R. Shirley Gainneos

The White Queen of Africa
Biography of Mary Slessor
(1848-1915)

[Continuing from the previous issue...]

When an African chief died, the heads of his wife and children were cut off, and they were buried with him to be his companions in the spirit-land. They tried men and women for their crimes by asking them to drink poison or dip their hand in boiling oil. When twin babies were born, they were thought to be sent by a demon and so were killed and thrown to the hungry leopards. The mother was then driven into the jungle to live alone. These people had never heard about Jesus and His love. They never knew that Jesus could save them from sin and enable them to live happy and pure lives.

"Ma Slessor"

One day Mary heard that twin children had been born to an African woman and knowing what would be their fate, she ran to the hut. She asked an old woman who was there what they were going to do with the babies. She said that they would break their backs and throw them into the bush. So Mary took them to her home and brought up the babies.

However, one of them, a boy, was stolen away by the relatives and killed. But Mary protected the girl, adopting her as the first child in her African family.

Mary lived in a native hut with palm-leaf roof and ate native food consisting of fish, yams and plantains. She was a teacher to the people. She made clothes for them, nursed them and settled their quarrels. Because of her motherly love for them, they called her "Ma" and she came to be known as "Ma Slessor".

Into the Interior

We already saw how Mary longed to go into the interior of the bush country. The people there were very wicked and were enemies to the people who lived in the coastal area.

The study of God's Word brings peace to the heart. In it, we find a light for every darkness, life in death, the promise of our Lord's return, and the assurance of everlasting glory. - D. L. Moody

The Mission advised her not to go, but one night with her three little African boys, an African girl and a baby, Mary began her journey through the jungle.

When she arrived at the village, she found that no preparation had been made and so she and the children had to make their own home. They made a bamboo hut and had clay pots and pans. Because there was no room inside, the vessels were hung outside. They also started to build a church. Mary gave the people some clothes. She taught the women to cook and sew and the children to read and write. She also told them the story of Jesus.

"White Queen"

Often Mary walked many miles to settle some tribal quarrel. One day, she heard of a war that was about to break out, and she walked alone at night through a dark forest, asking God to protect her from animals. How did she get this courage? Was she born brave? No, in Scotland, she used to be afraid to cross a field if there was a cow in it. It was the Holy Spirit in her who made her brave. She was soon recognised as a fair judge and the chiefs often came to her for advice. Sometimes it took a whole day to settle a matter. Her advice was always accepted because they knew that she was right. When the British government took charge of that territory, they made her the consul. Mary came to be known as the "White Queen."

She lived as simply as the Africans and sent out of her small salary to her mother and sister in Scotland. Very soon, news came that both of them died one after the other in the same year, and Mary felt very desolate. But by this time, she had many children in her African family. They had been twins, slaves or orphans who were rescued and protected by her. Mary was often so busy with the work that she forgot which day of the week it was. The prayers of her friends often helped her in the work.

Longing for Africa

Illness compelled her to return to Scotland but as soon as she regained health, she

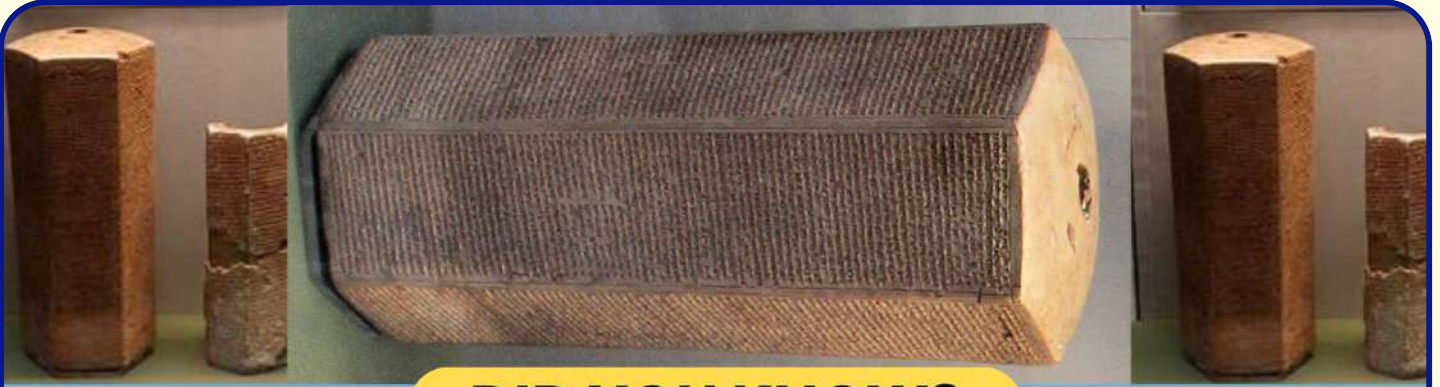
cried out that she should be sent back to Africa, otherwise she should swim back because the people were dying there without Jesus. As soon as she returned, she went fearlessly among a people who were noted for their slave traffic and cannibal feasts. Though getting old, she worked with enthusiasm, riding to the villages on her bicycle. Sometimes she could travel only on a chair carried by men.

The British government officials appointed her as a magistrate for that area. Thus, she became the first woman in the British Empire to be made a magistrate. She used this position to influence the British officials and the African natives to accept Christ. Mary Slessor's work was done inconspicuously and far from civilization. Nobody noticed it at first. But soon the outside world heard about her work and the king of Britain bestowed on her the Silver Cross for great and good work. Thus God honored His servant who honored Him.

Entrance into Glory

Mary Slessor did not want to return to her native country. She wished to work in Africa till her last breath. Even illness and old age could not keep her down. When she was too ill to move about, she would lie on her bed and pray. More and more, her thoughts were turned towards heaven. Finally, on January 13, 1915, she went into the presence of the Great King whom she had so faithfully served to receive her reward. By her side on the bed was her Bible, which had been her constant companion in this battle. It was full of writings and markings done with her hand as she read it. Her possessions consisted of a few old articles of clothing, a few books and a large packet of letters. Truly, she had lived "as poor, yet making many rich." The timid, slim girl from Scotland had lived a rich life of usefulness and had gone to her reward because she obeyed her Lord in all her ways. Your life, too can be a blessing, no matter what your abilities or handicaps are, if you follow Jesus all the way.

[From "Servants of the Cross" by Theodore Williams, IEM Outreach Publications]



DID YOU KNOW?

The Taylor Prism Corroborates the Biblical Account

The Taylor Prism is a six-sided clay prism discovered in 1830 at the ancient Assyrian capital of Nineveh (modern-day Iraq). Inscribed in Akkadian cuneiform around 691 BC, it records the military campaigns of the Assyrian king Sennacherib (705–681 BC). Today, the prism is housed in the British Museum.

Its account of Sennacherib's campaign against Judah closely parallels the events recorded in 2 Kings 18–19, 2 Chronicles 32, and Isaiah 36–37.

The prism describes Sennacherib's invasion of Judah during the reign of King Hezekiah in 701 BC. It explicitly states that Hezekiah was trapped inside Jerusalem "like a bird in a cage" and records the heavy tribute imposed upon him.

Yet the prism never claims that Jerusalem was captured.

The Bible explains why. According to 2 Kings 19:35–36, in a single night, the Angel of the Lord struck down 185,000 Assyrian soldiers, forcing Sennacherib to withdraw and return to Nineveh without conquering Jerusalem.

Archaeological discoveries such as the Taylor Prism continue to illuminate the historical setting of the Bible and confirm many of its people, places, and events.

Are you eager to discover such fascinating facts from history? Read the Bible.

YOUR PARAGRAPH TEXT



Did you know?

"The Left-Handed Deliverer"

Ehud, one of Israel's judges, was left-handed. God used this unique trait to help him defeat King Eglon of Moab. By cleverly concealing a sword on his right thigh, Ehud gained access to the king and delivered Israel from oppression, leading to eighty years of peace (Judges 3:15–30)

Did you know?

"The Woman Who Led a Nation"

Deborah was the only woman judge mentioned in the Book of Judges. She served as a prophetess, judge, and leader of Israel. Under her leadership, Israel won a great victory over the Canaanite army led by Sisera (Judges 4–5).



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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.

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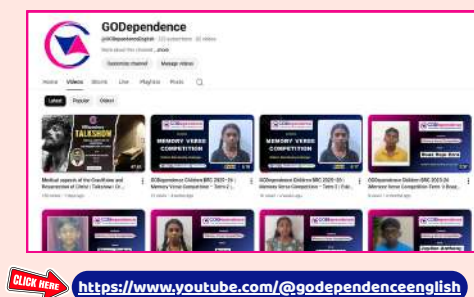
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GODependence Youtube Channel has reached 225 Subscribers and 83 Videos.



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That's the way to come to the Word of God. Read it as though it were His love letter to you. - Howard G. Hendricks

GODependence Bible Reading Challenges

**Congratulations to the Successful Participants as on
31 May 2026**



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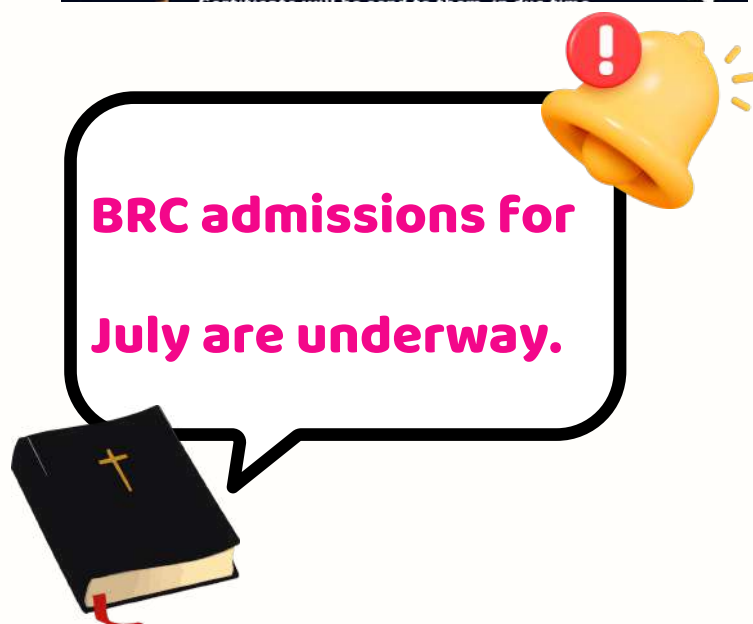
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**BRC admissions for
July are underway.**

... Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again
the third day according to the Scriptures ... - I Corinthians 15:3-4

LET'S PLAY BIBLE GAME - 20

From the given pictures find the verses from

Scripture Portion: 2 Peter



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

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Click on the given link and send the correct answer before 27/06/2026.

The first 10 persons who send the correct answer will be mentioned
in the next month's newsletter.

Answers

Last month let's play Bible game-19 & Bible Crossword Puzzle -19 correct answers

Bible Crossword Puzzle - 19

Across:

- 2 Save James 5:15
- 3 Tomorrow James 4:14
- 4 Only James 2:24
- 7 Patience James 1:3
- 9 Cursing James 3:10

Down:

- 1 Friend James 2:23
- 3 Confess James 5:16
- 5 Tongue James 3:5
- 6 Near James 4:8
- 8 Works James 2:18
- 10 Above James 1:17
- 12 Available James 5:16
- 13 Humble James 4:6
- 14 Trials James 1:2

Let's play Bible game-19

- 1) James : 3 - 3
- 2) James : 1 - 5
- 3) James : 2 - 19
- 4).James : 3 - 13
- 5).James : 3 - 10
- 6).James : 3 - 5
- 7).James : 3 - 4
- 8).James : 1 - 19
- 9).James : 5 - 17
- 10).James : 4 - 7

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When you decide to spend time with God in prayer and studying His word, patience and energy are paramount here as well. - **Pauline Creeden**

Bible Book Overview - 1 Peter

1 Peter

Time of Writing: A.D. 64
Time of Events: A.D. 62

Author of the Book: Peter the Apostle
Type of Book: Letter

Introduction to the Book

- The First Epistle of Peter was written in 64 AD, capturing events that took place around 62 AD. This book belongs to the epistolary genre of the New Testament and was authored by the Apostle Peter.

Context and Purpose

- We learn from the opening verse that this letter was explicitly addressed to the Christian churches scattered throughout Asia Minor. The recipient congregations were diverse, composed of both Jewish Christians and Gentile converts. Economically and socially, the majority of these early believers were poor, and a significant portion of them lived as slaves. Peter wrote this letter to reach believers who were scattered and enduring severe, widespread persecution across the ancient world. If anyone truly understood the weight of persecution, it was Peter himself; he had been threatened, beaten, and imprisoned multiple times for boldly preaching the Word of God. He intimately knew what it required to live a victorious, obedient life filled with great hope, without harboring bitterness or losing faith. This profound knowledge of a living hope in Jesus became the core of his message. Emphasizing that Christ's own life is the ultimate example to follow, Peter wrote this epistle to encourage Christians during their times of trial and to rebuild their sagging faith.

Key Verses

Peter 1:3, 1 Peter 2:9, 1 Peter 2:24, and 1 Peter 5:8-9.

Summary of the Book

- Peter surprisingly reveals that even though times of persecution are deeply distressing, they are actually a reason to rejoice. He instructs believers to consider it a privilege to suffer for the sake of Christ, mirroring how their Savior willingly suffered for them. Throughout the text, the letter weaves in Peter's personal, firsthand experiences with Jesus alongside his early sermons recorded in the Book of Acts. He also explicitly identifies Satan as the grand enemy of every Christian. Furthermore, the certainty of Christ's future return serves as a powerful source of hope and encouragement. The first major section heavily emphasizes the fundamental duties of Christian life, authentic living, and genuine brotherly love. Peter then reminds believers of the practical duties they owe to society: Christians toward government authorities and Gentiles, slaves toward their masters, husbands toward their wives, and wives toward their husbands. Finally, he speaks directly about the ultimate return of Christ, explaining that constant spiritual vigilance is required as the end approaches.

Jesus Christ in the Book

- Because Peter was deeply familiar with the Old Testament Law and the Prophets, he was uniquely equipped to interpret various ancient scriptures through the lens of the life of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. For instance, in 1 Peter 1:16, he quotes Leviticus 11:44, reminding readers to "Be holy, because I am holy". However, he clarifies that true holiness cannot be achieved by merely keeping the Law. Instead, he introduces true holiness as something made possible strictly through the grace bestowed upon anyone who places their faith in Christ. Peter further explains that the "chief cornerstone" prophesied in Isaiah 28:16 and Psalm 118:22 refers directly to Jesus Christ, whom the religious authorities rejected due to their own disobedience and lack of faith. Additionally, he utilizes Old Testament references to highlight the sinless nature of Christ (drawing from 1 Peter 2:22 and Isaiah 53:9) while offering practical instructions on how to live a holy life through the blessing-bestowing power of God.

Practical Application

- The assurance of eternal life stands as a guaranteed promise given to all Christians. One of the primary ways believers identify with Christ is by sharing in His earthly sufferings and enduring the shame, insults, and slander that come with it. Ultimately, any earthly trial we face is incredibly minor compared to the immense suffering Christ endured for us on the cross.

Structure of the Book

1. Introduction and Greeting (1:1-2)
2. Christian Calling and Responsibility (1:3-2:10)
3. Christian Conduct in the Family and Society (2:11-4:11)
4. Counsel to the Persecuted (4:12-5:11)

History of the Hindi Bible

-Pastor. Jaras Masih



Hindi Bible
Indian Version

The history of the Hindi Bible is a testament to the dedication of missionaries who left their homes and families to bring the Scriptures to India. The journey of translation and publication spans over a century, beginning in the early 18th century and culminating in the versions used by millions today.

The Pioneers of Translation (1726-1843)

The formal translation of the Bible into Hindi began in 1726. While many missionaries contributed, the primary figures include:

- Benjamin Schultze: A German missionary who arrived in India in 1719 and commenced the Hindi translation in 1726.
- William Carey: An English missionary and former shoemaker who arrived in 1793. Despite having little formal education and facing opposition in England, he played a crucial role in advancing the translation.
- Henry Martyn: An English scholar who arrived in 1806 to assist in the work.
- Samuel Henry Kellogg: An American missionary who arrived in 1865 and contributed significantly to the Hindi translation legacy.

The full Hindi Bible was completed and first printed in 1843.

Original Languages and Printing

The Hindi Bible was not merely translated from English, it was derived from the original biblical languages. The Old Testament was translated primarily from Hebrew, with specific portions from Aramaic. The New Testament was translated from Koine Greek.

The first copies were printed at the Serampore Printing Press in Kolkata, an institution established by William Carey. Today, the main printing of Hindi Bibles occurs in Bangalore.

Evolution of Hindi Versions

Several versions of the Hindi Bible have been developed over the years to serve different needs:

- **BSI Old Version:** First completed in 1843, this remains the most popular and widely read version among pastors and preachers due to its superior linguistic style.
- **Indian Revised Version (IRV):** Originally printed in 1943, it has seen several updates through 2005.
- **Easy to Read Version (ERV):** Introduced in 2013 to provide a simpler linguistic approach.
- **Naveen Hindi Bible (HSB):** Also known as the Hindi Study Bible, with editions in 2008 and 2019.
- **Common Language (CL) Version:** Released in 2019 for general accessibility.

Challenges and the Need for Revision

Early translators faced immense hurdles, often spending 17 years struggling with a single translation project. Their primary challenges were language barriers and cultural differences. Being foreigners, they initially lacked an understanding of Indian dialects, cultural nuances, and social structures, making it difficult to find accurate Hindi equivalents for Hebrew concepts.

In the modern era, scholars emphasize the need for updated editions. Language evolves, and current researchers have identified approximately 2,000 words in existing translations that could be improved for better accuracy and clarity. Furthermore, there is a recognized shortage of Hindi-language resources compared to English, such as comprehensive commentaries and study Bibles like the Dake Bible. To preserve the Hindi Bible for future generations, there is a call to create shorter, more accessible content, such as biblical magazines, novels, and Q&A books.

-Pastor. Jaras Masih

(If you have any questions regarding the Hindi Bible translation, Please send them. The author will respond in the next month's issue.)

Your Name, Place, Family, Christian Background & Upbringing:

My name is Hariharan, and I am from Tirunelveli District. I was raised in a devout Hindu family. After my marriage, I came to know Christ through my wife, who is a Christian. Since then, I have accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior and began worshipping Him. I was baptized in the beginning of 2010.

**How many times have you read the entire Bible so far? How many of them were through the GODependence program?**

Since the day I was baptized, I have read the entire Bible 13 times. Out of those, I completed the Bible reading challenge 7 times through the GODependence Bible Reading Program.

What changes have taken place in your life through Bible reading?

Through consistently reading the Bible, I have been able to understand God's Word more deeply. I have experienced the Holy Spirit speaking to me and revealing areas of my life that needed change. God showed me certain weaknesses in my character, and the Holy Spirit helped me overcome and transform them. God has answered many of my prayers and blessed me in numerous ways. In addition, I have developed the discipline of not starting my day or any work without first reading the Bible.

How did the GODependence program help you develop an interest in Bible reading?

One day, while browsing Facebook, I came across a post about the Bible Reading Challenge. I registered through the Google Form provided in the post and joined the program. Initially, I found it difficult to fully understand the meaning of many passages in the Bible. However, the daily notes and explanations provided by GODependence helped me understand the Scriptures more clearly. As a result, my interest in Bible reading grew significantly, enabling me to complete the entire Bible year after year.

Finally, what would you like to share in a few words?

I have personally experienced that when we walk in the light of God's Word, He guides us through every difficulty and leads us on the right path. As the Lord has promised, "I will go before you and make the crooked places straight," He faithfully directs our steps. Therefore, I encourage everyone to delight in God's Word, read it daily, and meditate on it regularly. May the Lord help each one of us to remain faithful to His Word.

Amen. 🙏

GODependence Events

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Bible Readathons in June 2026



During May 2026, Bible Readathon events were held in Tamil on 26 May 2026 (Tuesday) and in English on 28 May 2026 (Thursday). Many volunteers enthusiastically participated and helped make these events a great success.

In addition, a Telugu Bible Readathon was conducted on 30 May 2026 (Saturday) from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM (Indian Standard Time) with the enthusiastic participation of many volunteers.

This month as well, a Telugu Bible Readathon will be held on 27 June 2026 (Saturday) from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM (Indian Standard Time).

We warmly invite those who have a reliable internet connection and are able to read the Bible fluently in Telugu to participate in this event.

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GODependence Talkshow - June 2026

We were unable to organize a GODependence Talk Show this month. God willing, we plan to conduct an informative and beneficial Talk Show on a meaningful topic next month.

Bible Meditation Groups (BMG)



Following the GODependence Talk Shows conducted over the past two months, those who are interested in joining our Bible Meditation Groups are invited to join the WhatsApp group using the link below:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/IOIfvT3yle16OepZsYoAV5>

Further details will be shared in that WhatsApp group and in next month's newsletter.

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