The Bible, God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit & Angels

A Scripture-centered personal or small-group Bible study

Discover how Scripture reveals the one true God, how Jesus Christ reconciles us to Him, how the Holy Spirit works in believers, and how angels serve God within the biblical story.

How to use this study: Have an ESV or NASB Bible available. Read the listed passages before answering each reflection question. Take your time; this study can be completed in one extended session or divided into five shorter sessions.

Key themes: Creation, revelation, redemption, restoration, the Trinity, spiritual gifts, and biblical understanding of angels.

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Before You Begin: Bible Facts or Fiction?

Circle fact or fiction for each statement. Return to your answers after completing the study.

FACT / FICTION — People become angels when they die.

FACT / FICTION — The Bible was written through approximately 40 human authors.

FACT / FICTION — The Holy Spirit is only another name for God's power.

FACT / FICTION — Jesus Christ is fully God and fully human.

FACT / FICTION — The word "Trinity" appears in the Bible.

1 | The Bible: One Connected Story

Read: 2 Timothy 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:20–21; Genesis 1–3; Revelation 21:1–5

The Protestant Bible contains 39 Old Testament books and 27 New Testament books. Its books were written in different times, settings, and literary forms, yet together they tell the unfolding story of God's work in creation, humanity's rebellion, redemption through Jesus Christ, and the promise of restoration.

Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, correction, and training in righteousness (2 Timothy 3:16–17). It is meant not merely to increase knowledge but to shape our lives.

When reading a passage, consider its author, original audience, literary genre, and historical setting. Understanding context helps us avoid making a verse say something it does not mean.

What connects the many books of the Bible into one story?

How could reading a passage in context change the way you apply it?

Put it into practice: Read one chapter of Scripture this week and record its author (if known), audience, setting, and main message.

2 | God: Creator, Sustainer, and Triune

Read: Genesis 1:1; Colossians 1:16–17; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19

Scripture presents God as the eternal Creator and Sustainer of all things. Creation depends upon Him, and He alone is worthy of worship.

Christians confess one God eternally existing in three distinct persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The word “Trinity” does not appear in Scripture, but it describes this biblical teaching. The three persons are not three gods, nor are they simply three different roles played by one person.

We cannot fully explain God through a human analogy. We begin with what He has revealed about Himself in Scripture.

What does it mean to say God is both Creator and Sustainer?

How would you explain the Trinity without describing three separate gods?

Put it into practice: Spend time in worship and prayer, thanking the Father for His care and provision.

3 | Jesus Christ: God With Us

Read: John 1:1–18; Philippians 2:5–11; Colossians 1:15–20; John 17:3

Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God who became truly human without ceasing to be God. His incarnation reveals God to us and brings Him near.

Jesus lived in obedience to the Father, died for our sins, and rose again. Through Him, we are reconciled to God. Salvation is not only rescue from sin; it restores our relationship with the One who created us.

John 17:3 connects eternal life with knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He sent. Christian faith is more than knowing facts about Jesus; it calls us to know and follow Him.

Why does it matter that Jesus is both fully God and fully human?

What is the difference between knowing about Jesus and knowing Him?

Put it into practice: Read John 1:1–18 slowly. Write down what the passage reveals about Jesus.

4 | The Holy Spirit: God at Work in Us

Read: John 14:16–17, 26; John 16:13; Acts 1:8; Galatians 5:22–23; 1 Corinthians 12:4–7

The Holy Spirit is a divine person, not merely an impersonal force. He teaches, guides, gives new life, and helps believers grow in Christlikeness.

The Holy Spirit also empowers the church for witness and service. Scripture describes different gifts distributed for the common good (1 Corinthians 12:7). Spiritual gifts are tools for serving others, not labels that determine a person's worth or status.

Rather than limiting our willingness to serve to what we believe our gifts may be, we can remain attentive and available to the Spirit's leading, testing our understanding against Scripture.

Name two ways the Holy Spirit works in the life of a believer.

How do spiritual gifts benefit the whole church rather than only the person receiving them?

Put it into practice: Each morning, ask: "Lord, how do You want to use me to serve someone today?"

5 | Angels: Created Servants of God

Read: Colossians 1:16; Psalm 103:20–21; Luke 1:26–38; Luke 2:8–14; Luke 24:4–7; Hebrews 1:14; Revelation 22:8–9

Angels are created spiritual beings who serve God. They are not eternal like God, and Scripture does not teach that humans become angels after death.

Angels appear as messengers in important moments of the biblical story: Gabriel announces the birth of Jesus to Mary, angels proclaim good news to shepherds, and angelic messengers appear at the empty tomb.

Angels worship God and carry out His purposes. Although they may minister to God's people, they are not divine and must not be worshiped. Their role directs attention to God's message and work—not to themselves.

Which popular ideas about angels differ from what Scripture teaches?

What do the angelic appearances surrounding Jesus' birth and resurrection emphasize?

Put it into practice: Compare one biblical account of angels with a popular depiction. Note what Scripture actually says.

Bring It All Together

The Bible reveals the triune God. Jesus Christ is central to its message of salvation. The Holy Spirit enables believers to understand, obey, and serve. Angels are created servants who carry out God's purposes. Together, these truths help us read Scripture with greater understanding and worship God more faithfully.

Which truth in this study most strengthens your faith, and why?

Which passage would you like to study more deeply?

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for revealing Yourself through Your Word. Help us understand the truth of Scripture, know Jesus Christ more deeply, and follow the Holy Spirit in faithful obedience. Teach us to worship You alone and to serve others with humility and love. In Jesus' name, amen.

Review Answers

1. Fiction — Hebrews 1:14. 2. Fact — approximately 40 authors is a common estimate. 3. Fiction — John 14:26. 4. Fact — John 1:1, 14. 5. Fiction — the term does not occur in Scripture; see Matthew 28:19.

Further reading: John 1:1–18 and Acts 1–2 (ESV or NASB).