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FUNDOCY Homework:

New Testament Overview

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Homework Due: October 10, 2021

The Bible is a rich and wonderful book inspired by God and written over the period of 1000 years by more than 40 authors. The Old Testament, or Hebrew Scriptures, tells the story of God creating a perfect world, losing it to sin, then making a promise to bless the whole world through one family – the Jews. The New Testament tells how God’s plan came to completion in Jesus Christ. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John give a witness (testimony) to what the writers saw, heard and experienced first-hand. Following these Gospels, the last 10% of the New Testament is made up of:

- 1. The Acts of the Apostles: Dr. Luke’s sequel to his well-documented Gospel which records how the early church exploded across the Roman world.*
- 2. The Letters (Epistles) of Paul: Thirteen letters by this wise and passionate church planter advise and encourage new churches to stay true to Jesus.*
- 3. The Letter to the Hebrews: A convincing letter to Jewish Christians, this book connects Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and heir to Abraham’s promise.*
- 4. The Universal (catholic) Letters: These short letters by Christ’s apostles teach the church how to live and love as they wait for the return of Jesus.*
- 5. The Revelation to John: (Not Revelations!) This book records the vision given to John while exiled on the island of Patmos. It was written to six churches in Asia to encourage them to stay true to Christ, even during the harsh persecutions ahead. This John is thought to be the disciple John, pastor of the church in Ephesus.*

Part I: The Lesson

1. Open your bible, read and highlight. Hebrews 1:1-5a. Write “God speaks!” in the margin. Then fill in the blanks below.

In the past God spoke to our _____ through the _____ at many times and in various _____, but in these last _____ he has spoken to us by his _____, whom he appointed _____ of all things, and through whom also he made the _____. The _____ is the radiance of _____ glory and the

exact _____ of his being, sustaining all things by his _____ word.
After he had provided _____ for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the
_____ in _____.

2. How many letters are there in the word *new*? _____

How many in the word *testament*? _____

Multiply those numbers.

How many books are there in the New Testament? _____

3. A "testament" is:

- a) A statement of belief
- b) Something that serves as tangible proof of evidence
- c) A covenant or agreement between humans and God
- d) All of the above

4. Look up and define the following words...(ask a parent if you need some help)

a) Epistle: _____

b) Gospels: _____

c) New Testament: _____

d) The Revelation to John: _____

e) Universal Letters: _____

5. Which of the following is not a book in the New Testament?

- a) Galatians
- b) Revelations

- c) Hebrews
 - d) III John
6. An “epistle” is:
- a) A small, furry rodent
 - b) A female apostle
 - c) A letter
 - d) A prayer
7. What follows immediately after the “Acts of the Apostles” in the New Testament?
- a) 13 epistles (letters) written by Peter to the church in Rome
 - b) 13 epistles written by Paul to churches he founded across the Roman world
 - c) 13 epistles written by Paul to the Hebrews
 - d) “Acts: The Trilogy”
8. The Revelation to John was written to:
- a) John
 - b) Seven churches in Asia to warn them about what was soon to take place and encourage them to hold on to Jesus
 - c) Seven churches in Asia to reveal to them what would take place 2000 years after they were all dead
 - d) Scare people into believing in Jesus

Part II: Reflection Questions (there are no wrong answers here!)

1. A friend says she believes in alien abduction, UFOs, Big Foot, and the Loch Ness Monster. She doesn’t, however, believe in Jesus or the Bible. “There isn’t enough evidence!” she tells you. How do you respond?

2. What do you think about when you hear the word *testimony*?

What does this have to do with the New Testament?

What does this have to do with you?
