

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

2 Timothy 2:15

I. **THREE GROUPS IN THE BIBLE (1 Cor 10:32)**

As you study, one of the most important things to remember is that there are specific directions for different groups mentioned in the Bible. You must make sure you have the right message for the right group.

- Jew
- Gentile
- Church

II. **TWO KINGDOMS IN THE BIBLE**

- Kingdom of Heaven-
 - Physical, literal kingdom promised to the Jews. 2 Sam 7; 1 Chron 17
 - This kingdom is not being offered currently due to the Jews collectively rejecting and crucifying their King. This kingdom has been postponed and will be set up during the 1,000-yr millennial reign.
 - Only mentioned in the book of Matthew as Matthew presents Jesus as the King of the Jews.
 - It was God's plan originally that through this kingdom and the Jews, salvation would come to the Gentiles. The Gentiles were without hope and separated from God. (Eph 2:12)
 - Because of the Jews rejection, instead of the establishing of this kingdom and Gentiles being reconciled to God through the Jew, God allowed us a way to be reconciled to Him apart from the Jew. (Romans 11:11)
 - This is the kingdom the Jews were still looking for before Jesus ascended to heaven. (Acts 1:6)
 - Signs, miracles, and wonders accompanied this kingdom.
- Kingdom of God-
 - Mentioned in the rest of the New Testament.
 - Spiritual kingdom that we get by spiritual new birth. (John 3:3)
 - Not a kingdom that you can see, touch, taste, or feel. (Romans 14:17)
 - Located within us as the Holy Spirit takes residence in us when we are saved/ born again. (Luke 17:20-21)
 - The **ONLY** kingdom being offered currently.

III. DIFFERENT "GOOD NEWS" GOSPELS IN THE BIBLE

When you study the Bible, you must understand that there is different "good news" (gospel means good news) or gospels.

- Gospel of the Kingdom-
 - Announced the King of the Jews had arrived to establish the Davidic kingdom (kingdom of heaven) as prophesied.
 - Only for the Jew and was preached by Jesus and the 12 Apostles during His earthly ministry. (Matthew 9:35; 10:1-5)
 - Accompanied by signs, miracles, and wonders to prove to the Jew this was the Messiah and King who was to come. (Matthew 9:35)
 - Repentance, Works, and Water Baptism was what the hearer must do to respond to this "good news". (Acts 2:38; John 1:31; Mark 16:16)
- Gospel of Grace- (Acts 20:24)
 - Preached by Paul. How that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day. (1 Cor 15:1-4)
 - The early Apostles were not looking forward to the cross.. (Luke 18:31-34; John 20:9; Mark 9:31-32)
 - The meaning of the death, burial, and resurrection was hidden from them until AFTER it had all taken place. Luke 24:45-48)
 - Salvation is **ONLY** by grace through faith not of any sort of works. (Ephesians 2:8-9)