

Blessed to Be a Blessing

Week 1: January 1-7

Matthew 1-5

Week 2: January 8-14

Matthew 6 - 10

Week 3: January 15-21

Matthew 11- 15

Week 4: January 22-28

Matthew 16 - 20

Week 5: January 29-February 4

Matthew 21 - 25

Week 6: February 5-11

Matthew 26 - 28, Mark 1 -2

Week 7: February 12-18

Mark 3 - 7

Week 8: February 19-25

Mark 8 - 12

Week 9: February 26 - March 3

Mark 13 - 16, Luke 1

Week 10: March 4-10

Luke 2 - 6

Week 11: March 1-17

Luke 7 - 11

Week 12: March 18-24

Luke 12 - 16

Week 13: March 25-31

Luke 17 - 21

Week 14: April 1-7

Luke 22 - 24, John 1 - 2

Week 15: April 8-14

John 3 - 7

Week 16: April 15-21

John 8 - 12

Week 17: April 22-28

John 13 - 17

Week 18: April 29-May 5

John 18 - 21, Acts 1

Week 19: May 6-12

Acts 2 - 6

Week 20: May 13-19

Acts 7 - 11

Week 21: May 20-26

Acts 12 - 16

Week 22: May 27 - June 2

Acts 17 - 21

Week 23: June 3-9

Acts 22 - 26

Week 24: June 10-16

Acts 27 - 28, Romans 1 - 3

Week 25: June 17-23

Romans 4 - 8

Week 26: June 24-30

Romans 9 - 13

Week 27: July 1-7

Romans 14 - 16, 1 Corinthians 1 - 2

Week 28: July 8-14

1 Corinthians 3 - 7

Week 29: July 15-21

1 Corinthians 8 - 12

Week 30: July 22-28

1 Corinthians 13 - 16, 2 Corinthians 1

Week 31: July 29-August 4

2 Corinthians 2 - 6

Week 32: August 5-11

2 Corinthians 7 - 11

Week 33: August 12-18

2 Corinthians 12 - 13, Galatians 1 - 3

Week 34: August 19-25

Galatians 3 - 6, Ephesians 1 - 2

Week 35: August 26 - September 1

Ephesians 3 - 6, Philippians 1

Week 36: September 2-8

Philippians 2 - 4, Colossians 1 - 2

Week 37: September 9-15

Colossians 3 - 4, 1 Thessalonians 1 - 3

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1 Thessalonians 4 - 5, 2 Thessalonians 1 - 3,

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1 Timothy 1 - 5

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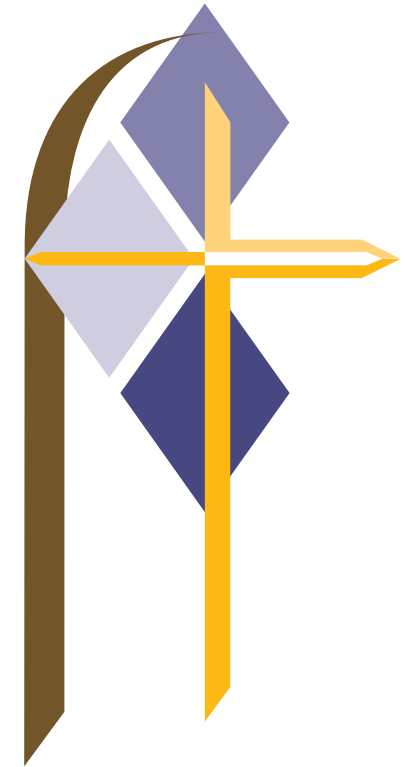
- ☐ **Week 40: September 30-October 6**
1 Timothy 6, 2 Timothy 1 - 4
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James 4 - 5, 1 Peter 1 - 3
- ☐ **Week 46: November 11-17**
1 Peter 4 - 5, 2 Peter 1 - 3
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1 John 1 - 5
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2 John 1, 3 John 1, Jude 1, Revelation 1 - 2
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The New Testament consists of 27 individual books and letters. The first four books are referred to as Gospels. They each provide a slightly different window into the life of Christ. Matthew is known for being written to a more Jewish audience. The Gospel of Mark is the shortest and seeks to move the story of Jesus quickly to its climax. Luke's Gospel was written with a Gentile audience in mind. The Gospel of John is the most directly theological of the bunch, containing a number of statements by Christ that the other three do not include.

Following the four Gospels is the Book of Acts, which was written as part two to the Gospel of Luke. It tells the story of the spread of Christianity following Christ's resurrection. One of the prominent characters in this story is a man named Paul. He entered the storyline as a Jewish Pharisee only to be overwhelmed by God's love and the truth of Christ. In response he became a chief spokesperson for the early Church, writing many of the letters that make up the rest of the New Testament.

In addition to Paul's letters to various congregations and individuals, there are other letters or epistles, which were written by other early Church leaders. The last book of the New Testament is the Book of Revelation. Its author, John, employed a style of writing referred to as apocalyptic, a style which makes use of symbolism to convey information.

The New Testament serves as a continuation of the Old Testament. Our One God is the primary actor in both, "blessed to be a blessing" remains the primary theme, and faith continues to be the primary response God desires from his children.



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