



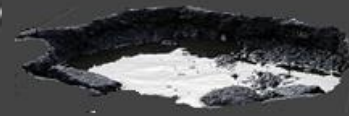
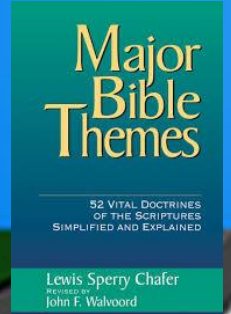
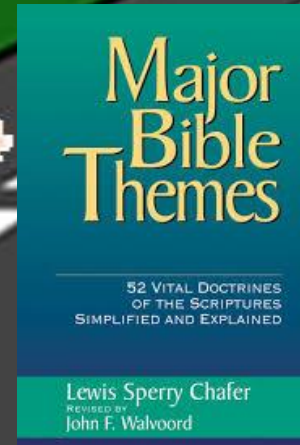
52 VITAL DOCTRINES OF THE SCRIPTURE
SIMPLIFIED AND EXPLAINED

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Chapter Three The Bible: Its Subject and Purpose

Chapter Fifty-two

Third step on a Long Journey... Chapter Three...



Review Chapter One: The Bible

A. Internal Evidence

2Tim 3:16 *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God...*

The Word of God

B. External

S Subject

L Literature

I Influence

C Continuity

E Extent

S Supreme

U Unprejudiced

S Science



...story about people

...changed lives)

...ok)

(Gives the weakness of men)

(Confirms the Bible)

Review Chapter Two: The Bible

Inspired of God

I Important Passages on Inspiration

2Pet 1:20-21 *knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes **from someone's own interpretation.** For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but **men spoke from God** as they were **carried along by the Holy Spirit.***

T's Q Testimony of Christ

Q Qualifying Considerations

T Theories of Inspiration



Step # One

Find the Outline



MBT Chapter Three Outline

A. Jesus Christ as the Subject

1. Jesus Christ as Creator

2. Jesus Christ as Ruler

3. Jesus Christ as Incarnate Word

4. Jesus Christ as Savior

B. History of Man in the Bible

C. Purpose of the Bible

**At your table
write it Down**



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Say to the person on your right...

- The Chapter title...
The Bible: Its Subject and Purpose
- And say the Three main points

A. Jesus Christ as the Subject

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Understand It



MBT Chapter Three Outline

A. Jesus Christ as the Subject

The Lord Jesus Christ is the supreme subject of the Bible. In reading Scripture, however, the perfections of Christ in His Person and work are presented in many ways.

1. Jesus Christ as Creator

The early chapters of Genesis record the creation of the world as accomplished by God, using the word *elohim* which includes God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. It is not until one reaches the New Testament that it is revealed clearly that all things were made by Christ

Understand It



MBT Chapter Three Outline

2. Jesus Christ as Ruler

Because He is the Creator, Jesus Christ also has the place of being the supreme ruler of the universe.

3. Jesus Christ as Incarnate Word

In the New Testament especially, Jesus Christ is revealed as the Incarnate Word, the physical embodiment of what God is, and a revelation of the nature and being of God.

Understand It



MBT Chapter Three Outline

4. Jesus Christ as Savior

In the drama of history, beginning with man's creation and fall and ending in the new heaven and the new earth, the work of Jesus Christ as the Savior is a prominent theme of Scripture. Christ is the promised seed who would conquer Satan

B. History of Man in the Bible

While the Bible is preeminently designed to glorify God, it records the history of man in keeping with that purpose.

Understand It

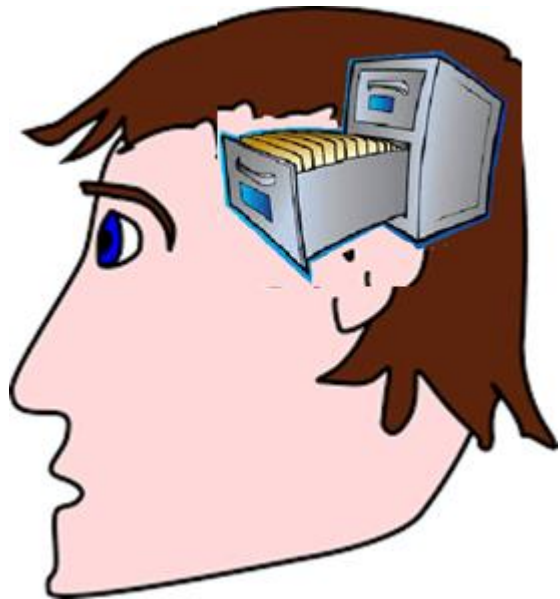


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C. Purpose of the Bible

According to the written Word of God, one supreme purpose is revealed in all that God has done or will do, from the beginning of creation to the farthest reaches of eternity. This supreme purpose is the manifestation of the glory of God

Memorize it



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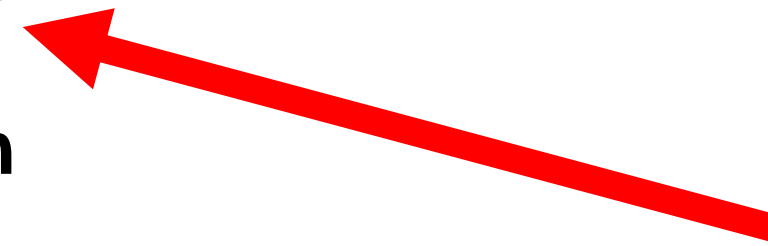
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The Bible: Its Subject and Purpose

The Bible is a Ship carrying the...



S	Subject	Christ
H	History	of Man
I	Incarnate	Word (Creator, Ruler, Savior)
P	Purpose	Glorify God



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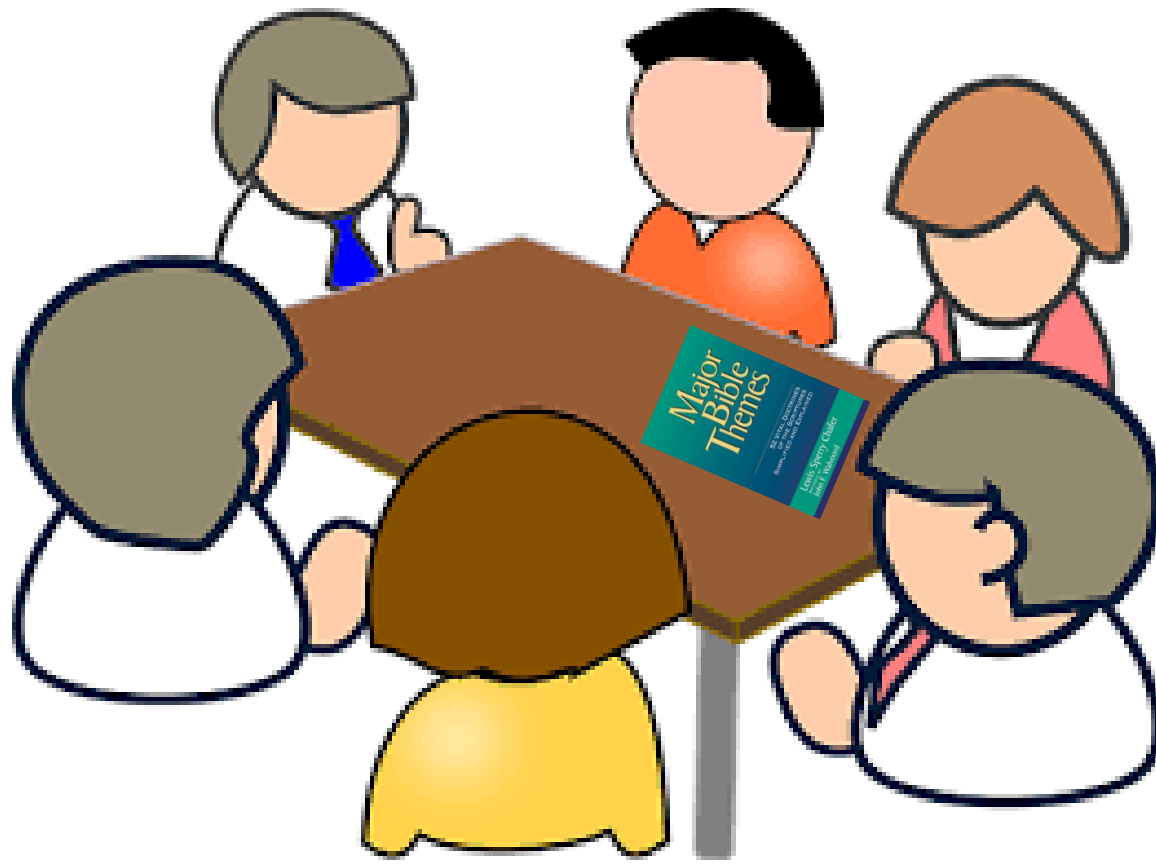
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P Purpose Glorify God



At your table say the Acrostic to the person on your right



Step # Two

Read the Section and look up the passages



1. Jesus Christ as Creator

All things made by Him

John 1:3 *All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

Col 1:16-17 *For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*

2. Jesus Christ as Ruler

Every Knee shall Bow

Psalm 2:7-8 *I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.*

Isa 45:23 *By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.'*

Rom 14:11 *for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."*

Php 2:9-11 *Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

Psalms 110:1 *A Psalm of David. The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."*

Acts 2:32-34 *This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses... For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand,*

Rev 19:16 *On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.*



Permitted earthly rulers to occupy their thrones

Dan 7:13-14 *"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And **to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom**, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.*

He will reign on the throne of David as the Son of David and especially will be the King of Israel

Luke 1:32 *He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the **Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David**,*

His sovereignty is also expressed in His relationship to the church of which He is the head

Eph 1:22 *And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,*

Christ is the supreme judge of all men

John 5:27 *And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.*

3. Jesus Christ as Incarnate Word

John 1:14 *And **the Word became flesh** and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Heb 1:3 *He is the radiance of the glory of God and the **exact imprint of his nature**, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,*

4. Jesus Christ as Savior

Christ is the promised seed who would conquer Satan

Gen 3:15 *I will put enmity between you and the woman, and **between your offspring and her offspring**; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."*

In the Old Testament, Christ is pictured as the servant of Jehovah who would bear the sins of the whole world

Isa 53:4-6 *Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

As a sacrifice for sin, He was to die on the cross and suffer the judgment of the sin of the whole world

1Cor 15:3-4 *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,*

2Cor 5:18-19 *All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.*

1Pet 1:18-19 *knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the **precious blood of Christ**, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.*

1John 2:2 *He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for **the sins of the whole world**.*

From Genesis to Revelation, Jesus Christ is presented supremely as the only Savior

Act 4:12 *And there is **salvation in no one else**, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

C. Purpose of the Bible

All things were created by him, and for him" (for his glory)

Col 1:16 *For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.*

The nation Israel is for the glory of God

Isa 43:7 *everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.*

Isa 43:21 *the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.*

Isa 60:21 *Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I might be glorified.*

Salvation is unto the glory of God

Rom 9:23 *in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory*

All service should be unto the glory of God

Math 5:16 *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

John 15:8 *By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.*

1Cor 10:31 *So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*

The Christian's new passion is that God may be glorified

Rom 5:2 *Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

Even the believer's death is said to be to this one end

Philippians 1:20-21 *as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

The saved one is appointed to share in the glory of Christ

John 17:22 *The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,*

Step # Three

Memorize one Passage per section

Learn general and specific later.

- Highlight key words
- Understand difficult words and the meaning



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Every Knee shall Bow

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Review Chapter Three: The Bible

It's subject and purpose

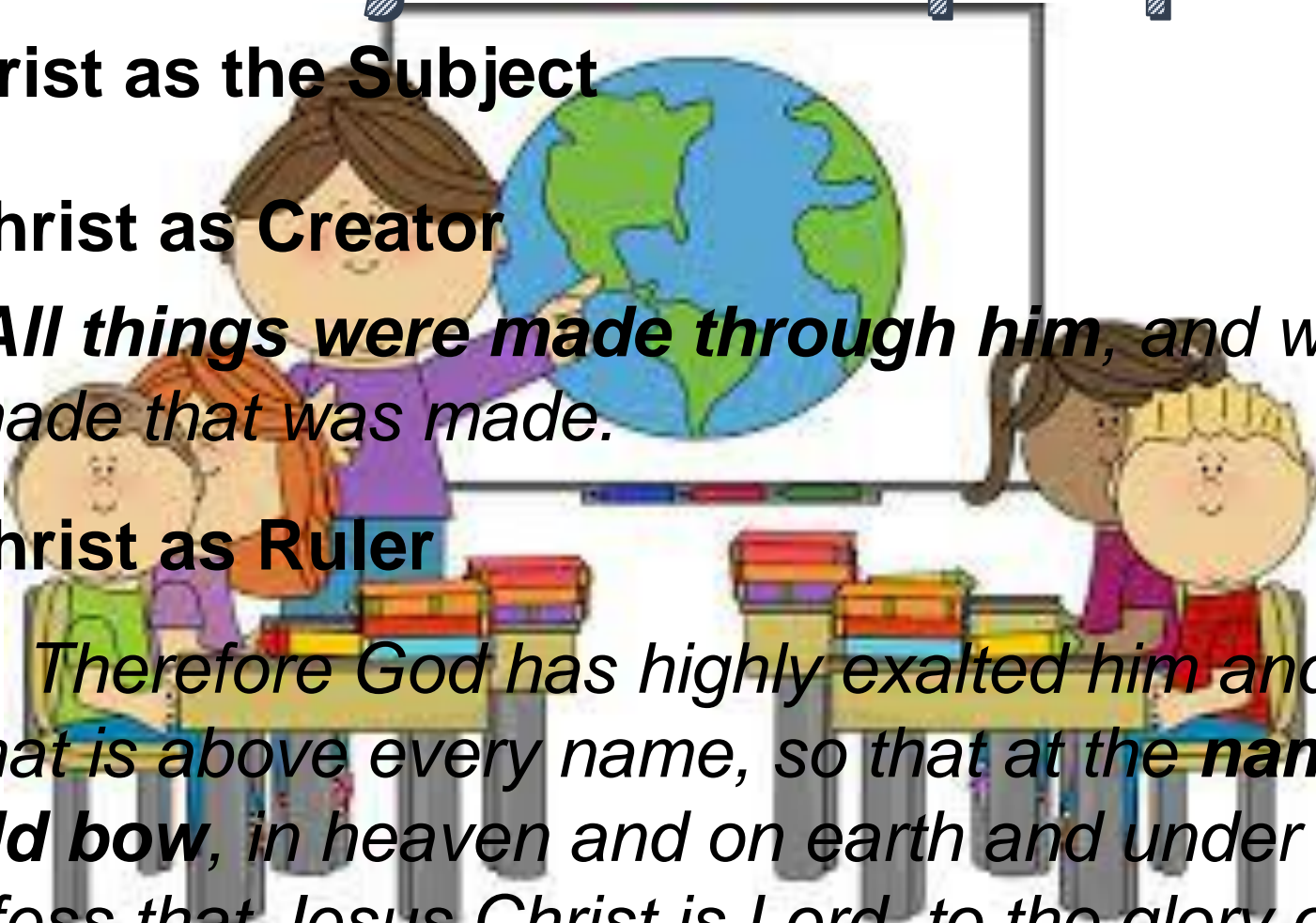
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Step # Four Take the Test at the end of the chapter

Chapter Three

The Bible: Its Subject and Purpose



1. What evidence is found that Christ participated in creation?

According to Colossians 1:16-17, "By him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth

2. In what sense is Christ the supreme ruler of the world and how is it expressed?

Because He is the Creator, Jesus Christ also has the place of being the supreme ruler of the universe. While Scripture attributes supreme sovereignty to God the Father, it is clear that it is His purpose that Christ should rule the world

3. Explain how Christ is the supreme revelation of God.

Jesus Christ is revealed as the Incarnate Word, the physical embodiment of what God is, and a revelation of the nature and being of God. In Christ are revealed all the attributes that belong to God, especially His wisdom, power, holiness, and love

4. Trace the line of Scripture dealing with Christ as Savior, including the mention of some New Testament passages

- Christ is the promised seed who would conquer Satan (Gen. 3:15).
- In the Old Testament, Christ is pictured as the servant of Jehovah who would bear the sins of the whole world (Isa. 53:4-6; cf. John 1:29)
- In the New Testament He was to die on the cross and suffer the judgment of the sin of the whole world (1 Cor. 15:3-4; 2 Cor. 5:19-21; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; 1 John 2:2; Rev. 1:5)

5. What does the Bible record concerning the history of man in Genesis 1-11?

The creation narrative in the early chapters of Genesis culminates in the creation of Adam and Eve. Scripture as a whole unfolds God's plan and purpose for the human race.

Genesis 10 records the descendants of Noah as they formed the three major divisions of the human race. Then, as the descendants of Noah also failed and were judged at the Tower of Babel, God selected Abraham to fulfill His purpose of revealing Himself through the people of Israel. Beginning in Genesis 12, a dominant theme of the Bible is the emergence and history of the nation of Israel.

6. For what purpose did God select Abraham

To make a nation through whom the world would be blessed

7. How does the history of Israel culminate in Christ?

In the purposes of God, this culminates in the New Testament in the coming of Jesus Christ who supremely fulfilled the promise given originally to Abraham that through his seed all nations of the world would be blessed.

8. What new purpose is revealed in the New Testament?

In the New Testament, another major division of humanity emerges, that is, the church as the body of Christ, comprising both Jew and Gentile who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior

9. What great nations characterize history

- Egypt
- Babylon
- Medio-Persia
- Greece
- Rome
- Revived Rome

10. Distinguish the purposes of God as they relate to the nations, Israel, and the church

- The nations have no relation to God beyond that He is the father of all creation
- Israel is the wife of God with earthly blessing
- The church is the bride of Christ with heavenly blessings

11. In what respects does the Bible reveal the glory of God as its supreme purpose?

- The heavens declare the glory of God
- The nation Israel is for the glory of God
- Salvation is unto the glory of God

This supreme purpose is the manifestation of the glory of God. For this one purpose angels were created, the material universe was designed to reflect that glory, and man was created in the image and likeness of God. In the inscrutable wisdom of God, even sin was permitted and redemption was provided with a view toward the realization of this supreme purpose.