

LESSON 1 – WHAT IS THE BIBLE AND HOW DO WE UNDERSTAND IT?

1.) How do we learn things about God?

a.) From _____ we learn that God is _____, _____, _____, and _____.

b.) Our _____ tells us when we've done _____ or _____ and that we deserve _____ from God.

c.) The _____ alone tells us _____ and _____
_____ in Jesus Christ.

2.) What is the Bible?

a.) The word "Bible" means _____

b.) The Bible contains _____ books that are divided into the _____ and _____ Testaments.

c.) The Bible was written in the languages of _____ and _____.

d.) We say the Bible is "God's Word" because the _____ told the writers what to write

3.) How do we understand what the Bible says?

a.) The Bible has two main teachings the _____ and the _____.

4.) What does the Law teach us?

a.) The Law teaches us that _____ have _____ to reach God's perfect standard.

b.) So we deserve _____, _____, and _____.

5.) What does the Gospel teach us?

a.) The Gospel (means "good news") teaches us that because of Jesus we _____

b.) By trusting in Jesus God gives us _____ as a free gift.

Summary: The Bible is an ancient book that was written by God and contains two main teachings: the law and the gospel.

Assignment:

- *Read:* Genesis Chapters 1 & 2 and Complete Reading Reflection guide (see sample)
- *Memory Work:* 1st Article of the Apostle's Creed: "I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth." and the Old Testament Books (Genesis – Song of Songs).