

Why should you read the Bible? God reveals himself in its pages, and knowing him gives meaning to life! If God really created us, that gives meaning to our work, to our actions, to our commitments and even to our art and music. If God really rules over all, that gives meaning to our history and our hopes. A God who suffered and died understands our distress, our loneliness, our suffering. A triune God gives meaning to our marriages, our families,

our communities, our unity in the midst of diversity. God knows us, he understands us. He reveals himself and restores us to his image.

You can discover more of its message by reading « the Bible in 1000 words » on [www.bible1000.org](http://www.bible1000.org).

But the best would be to read a Gospel or the New Testament. Check out some excerpts by unfolding this document.

*The Bible is comprised of 66 books written by about 40 authors, over a period of 1600 years. It is made up of 2 parts: The Old Testament (the Jewish Bible) and the New Testament.*

**Excerpts inside**

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Father. Our rebellion condemned us, but Jesus died to pay the price. Absolute justice, infinite love. Jesus rose from the dead. God requires exclusive trust in Jesus who took my wrongs, my shame. I am then forgiven, reconciled. God will reign forever with His people, that's restoration!

God – eternal, loving, majestic – creates mankind in His image. They are free to follow Him. They reject Him and become mortal. Nevertheless, God makes an alliance with Abraham, father of the Jewish people, from whom the Messiah will come. Jesus fulfills this alliance. One-of-a-kind, born of a virgin, he heals, teaches, reveals the

God creates mankind; they rebel. Jesus restores humanity to God.

Restoration

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## Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## Matthew 5:1-12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

## 1 John 4:9-11

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.