

Congratulations! You have just opened a gift of immeasurable value and boundless potential! What you hold in your hands are silent messengers, as guides, given to accompany you along the journey in understanding God's communication with mankind. In turn, these little lessons, inspired by the Bible, (which will be shown to be God's communication with mankind), will introduce to some and affirm to others, the source of true love and happiness, God's Son Jesus Christ! Indeed, Jesus' love for you is the central theme of each tract! I hope you will "*taste and see*" for yourself how wonderful learning about Jesus and His plans for you can be (Psalm 34:8)!

Who Should Read These Tracts?

The enclosed tracts are written with a broad audience in mind. They are developed to accomplish a spectrum that goes from educating and stimulating the interest of those who may never have opened a Bible, to challenging those who have deep understanding of Christian Theology, and inspiring all in between. The tracts offer answers from the Bible to commonly asked questions transcending race, age, culture, and time, such as:

- Why is there pain and death in the world?
- How can a loving God permit suffering to continue?
- How do you explain the rise in violence and immorality in the world?
- Why am I here?

- Will there ever be an end to suffering, pain, and death?
- Did God really create the universe?
- What does my future hold?

If you have ever asked these or similar questions, these tracts are written for you! A key emphasis of the series is upon **Bible Prophecy**, God's revelation of past, present, and future events, written to transform the lives of all who read them. The tracts will walk you through the Bible that details world history, rivaling the most comprehensive encyclopedias and world annals. As a book of prophecy, the Bible also foretells and gives understanding to current and future events. The lessons inside will help you understand what the Bible says about the events challenging our world today, and what is soon to come. The tracts can be a tremendous teaching tool for people of all ages and can be used for personal study or as a facilitation tool for group discussions.

How were the Tracts Written?

The tracts were written to complement the Bible in conveying God's revelation of love towards His creation, given from generation to generation as a continuous chain throughout time. They emphasize God's Self-revelation, His divine purposes, and the sum of His completed works, declared from Creation, recorded in the Bible's first book Genesis, and traced through time, concluding in the Bible's final summary book, The Revelation. Though the entire Bible is filled with prophecies, two primary books, Daniel in the Old Testament, and The Revelation in the New

Testament, are as the spine from which all the lessons emanate. The tracts, therefore, attempt to chronicle the following Bible messages presented in those books:

1. The origin of good and evil
2. The Creation
3. The moral fall of humanity
4. God's *Plan of Redemption* for humankind
5. The final events of earth's history
6. God's eradication of evil
7. God's recreation, and the restoration of peace

As much as possible, the tracts attempt to outline chronologically and thematically the aforementioned Bible messages while including *Supplemental Studies* that expound upon the immediate topic under discussion. Therefore, it is important that the lessons be read sequentially, in their order, as each lesson is built-up by its predecessors. Words or phrases, outside of headings, written in **bold italics** are key terms used through the course of the lessons. These words or phrases, once explained, should be committed to memory. Additionally, **Literary Tools and Principles** frequently used in the Bible are introduced to ensure the reader interprets Bible texts and symbolism appropriately. These too should be committed to memory. The narrated lessons present questions to challenge your understanding, appearing in **italicized maroon text**, followed by corresponding answers appearing in **regular blue text**.

The tracts follow the Bible's endorsed method of study

called, **Proof Texting**, which emphasizes allowing the Bible to speak and prove itself. This process requires reviewing several Bible verses in their context to confirm a teaching or point of instruction. Utilizing this method of study, God promised to reveal His truths to all, both seasoned Bible students and novices.

How to Use the Tracts

The tracts are designed to make you more acquainted with the Bible and its teachings through bite-size lessons. The Bible itself is an inspired book, written for counsel and instruction for men, women, boys and girls. Its inspiration is from the infinite mind of God, and therefore requires God to reveal its innumerable details. For this purpose, the following suggestions are presented:

1. **Prayer** must precede the reading of the Bible and every tract. These tracts were prayerfully written by the Holy Spirit's guidance. They must be studied in the same manner. God honors the simplest petition, acknowledging our need of His guidance (Psa 119:18).
2. When presented, Bible verses (called **Scripture**) appearing on the cover of the tract should be read in their entirety before commencing the lesson. Those Scriptures embody the message conveyed by the tract
3. All Scriptures presented in the tract should be read when reviewing the lesson to prove each given point of doctrine

4. A humble attitude, open to instruction, would be most beneficial when reading each lesson (1 Corinthians 8:2)

The vast majority of Scriptures appearing in the tracts are taken from the *King James Version* of the Bible (KJV), compiled and completed in A.D.1611. This Bible version is the most widely circulated, and most authoritative of all versions in print. Commended for its scholarship and accuracy, especially when studying Bible prophecy, the KJV Bible is the recommended version for use with these tracts above other modern translations and paraphrases. The "King's English," used in this version, however, may initially seem difficult to understand to one unfamiliar with its terms and prose. However, with time, practice, and prayer, reading and understanding the KJV Bible will become second nature.

Developing students of Bible prophecy was an objective when the lessons were written. Therefore, other tools, and credible references are recommended to complement the tracts and their topics presented. The following are suggested references and tools for use when reading the tracts:

Bible Index: The index found towards the front of each Bible lists the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments that make up the Christian Bible in their order. This tool will prove to be invaluable for quickly finding Bible books, and Scriptures contained in the tracts, which individually take you "to and fro", here and there, throughout the Bible.

Amazing Facts® Bible Study Guides: The Amazing Facts Ministry produces a set of free illustrated Bible studies that are very detailed and scripturally rich. These studies are referenced in the enclosed *Lesson Outline* as supplemental studies to be reviewed based on the topic presented. To view the Amazing Facts lessons, they have been conveniently placed on the *Life More Abundant* website, shown at the bottom of each tract. Alternately, you may write to us at the address listed at the bottom of the tract, and we will send you the lessons. Additional publications from Amazing Facts may be found on their website at www.amazingfacts.org.

Dictionary: A dictionary is another invaluable tool for clarifying words found in the Bible and at times in the tracts. As words often have multiple meaning, it is important that the definition most closely aligned with the Bible or tract be used. To this point, a Bible Dictionary such as *Vine's Concise Dictionary of the Bible* would provide Biblical terms in their most appropriate form.

Encyclopedia: One of the most compelling evidences of the Bible's inspiration is its ability to describe world history, explain current events, and accurately foretell things to come. As a book of history, the Bible and its testimonies can withstand the scrutiny of any credible encyclopedia. Researching details presented by the Bible and the tracts will expand your appreciation for the Bible and its counsels.

The Internet: Though the internet is a powerful tool for quickly locating facts and information, it has become,

unfortunately, a hub for misinformation as well. Searching the internet for Bible truths is a risky endeavor, as it yields an abundance of opinions and perspectives, often leaving the seeker unsure. The tracts' use of proof texting, repeat and enlarge, and other Bible literary tools and principles to be presented, all empowered by God's Holy Spirit through prayer, will equip you to understand the Bible's deepest themes and topics.

Concordance: A concordance is a useful tool in locating the usage of words and phrases within the Bible for the purpose of cross-referencing Scripture and Bible subjects.

Interpreting Bible Prophecy Study: A glossary of Bible prophecy terms has been provided on the *Life More Abundant* website (<http://lifemoreabundantpa.com/event-bible-study/>) in a document entitled *Interpreting Bible Prophecy*. The pdf document offers terms, definitions, and cross-referenced topics for the reader's study and review. This study should be downloaded or visited periodically as updates are often made. Additional charts, tables, and Bible studies may also be found on the *Life More Abundant* site.

Feedback and Comments

We are always seeking to improve our Bible tracts, making them more understandable to a broader audience. Your feedback and comments are welcomed. We may be reached at the contacts listed below. God Bless your Bible journey!

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