

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH Growing Believer's Class

Why Study the Bible?

Two Categories of Divine Revelation

- General Revelation
- Special Revelation

Aspects of Special Revelation

- God's revelation was *Progressive*.
- God's revelation was *Timely*.
- God's revelation was *Methodologically Diverse*.
- God's revelation was *Supernatural*.

God Wants Us to Be Ambassadors

II Corinthians 5:20

"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."

To be God's ambassadors we must know about Him

II Peter 3:18

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

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Ephesians 5:1-2

“Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

“Be imitators of God ...”

Imitators = Greek *mimetes* (μιμητής)

Root of “mimic” and “mime”

Being an Imitator of God means displaying the same qualities as Jesus Christ:

- He had qualities of perfect patience, love, compassion & obedience.
- Jesus submitted perfectly to His Father’s will.
- He endured horrific physical torture.
- The worse spiritual pain of paying for our sins.
- Could you or I imitate that? *No way.*

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How can we be Imitators of Christ?

- In grace God has made it possible.
- God gives us the power through the FHS.
- God will never give us more than we can bear – [Matt. 11:30](#); [1 Cor. 10:13](#)
- We have the Word of God.
- We are to learn about Christ in the pages of His word.

II Timothy 2:15

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (KJV)

Study = Greek *spoudazo* (σπουδάζω)

Romans 12:2

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” (NASB)