

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
BIBLE STUDY – CHRISTIANITY 101

TUESDAY, February 11, 2024

Stan Campbell, *Bible to Go: Genesis to Revelation in One Hour*, (New York: Faith Words, 2006)

Members of Union, as God has granted us the privilege to be amongst the land of the living, and the opportunity to further our weekly Bible Study, it is our interest to gain a better understanding of the Word and draw closer to its Author, Jesus Christ.

Having completed our study focus from the book, *Jesus In the Bible: Seeing Jesus in Every Book of the Bible*, by Kenneth Boa, by the grace of Almighty God, we will now continue our Bible Study theme “Christianity 101,” as we give our attention to the book titled, *Bible to Go*, by Stan Campbell (2006, Campbell).

The *Bible to Go*. Genesis to Revelation. When you think of the title *Bible to Go*, it’s a reminder that the Bible is not an old, outdated, irrelevant book. It is a book of action, of motion, and of life. The author of Hebrews says, “The word of God is living and active” (Hebrews 4:12), and many people today will attest to that statement.

Woven throughout the Bible is a story line, a plot, a flow of action. The *Bible to Go* will follow that motion from start to finish. We won’t go in-depth at the start. Yet I trust what is here will be beneficial to you, moving you to a better understanding of the Bible, and maybe even a more personal interest and desire to apply what you’ve learned. So, on your mark. Get set. Let’s go. I ask that you please take time to read each week’s study focus for preparation and dialogue on the material during our Bible Study.

“Beginnings.”

It is always good to start at the beginning, yet at the beginning of the Bible we find God already present (Genesis 1:1). The theological (Study of God) belief that God is eternal means not only that He will exist forever into the future but also that He has always existed into the eternity of the past.

“Creation” – Genesis 1:2.

You’ll notice that its completely dark as we begin our journey through the Bible. We’re also in a place that is formless and empty. But all it takes is a word from God and immediately there is light.

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Another word, and the sky and earth separate. A few more words, and the new world is streaming with plants, animals, and the first human beings. After each day of Creation, God declares His work “good.” After humankind is established, however, God evaluates all He has done and deems it “very good” (Genesis 1:31).

Adam and Eve (Genesis 2:15-3:24)

Adam, the first created human, is assigned the task of naming all the animals. In doing so, he notices that for him there is “no suitable helper” (Genesis 2:20), so God places him in a deep sleep and uses one of his ribs to create Eve. God places them in the Garden of Eden, naked without shame.

Eden is a paradise, But in time, Adam and Eve do the one thing God has instructed them not to do. After being tempted by the serpent, they succumb and eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. As a result, they recognize their nakedness and hide from God (Gen. 3:6-8).

This “original sin” initiates a separation from God (Gen. 3:23-24) that has made it more difficult for humans to interact with God throughout the centuries. It results, too, in a curse on the serpent, on Adam (thorns, thistles, and sweat as impediments to future work) and Eve (pain in childbirth and subjection to her husband). But it also results in the Bible’s first messianic prophecy, a time will come when a descendent of Adam and Eve (Jesus) will “crush the head” of the serpent (Satan) even though the serpent will “Strike his heel” (Genesis 3:14-19).

Note: Next Week’s Study will be...

- **Cain and Abel** (Genesis 4:1-16),
- **Early Personalities** (Genesis 4:17-5:32), and
- **Noah (Genesis 6-9).**