

THE BIBLE

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why it's important.
how to read it.

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Canadian Bible Engagement Survey

- 14% read the Bible once/month.
- 18% strongly agree that the Bible is the Word of God.

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...you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:15-17



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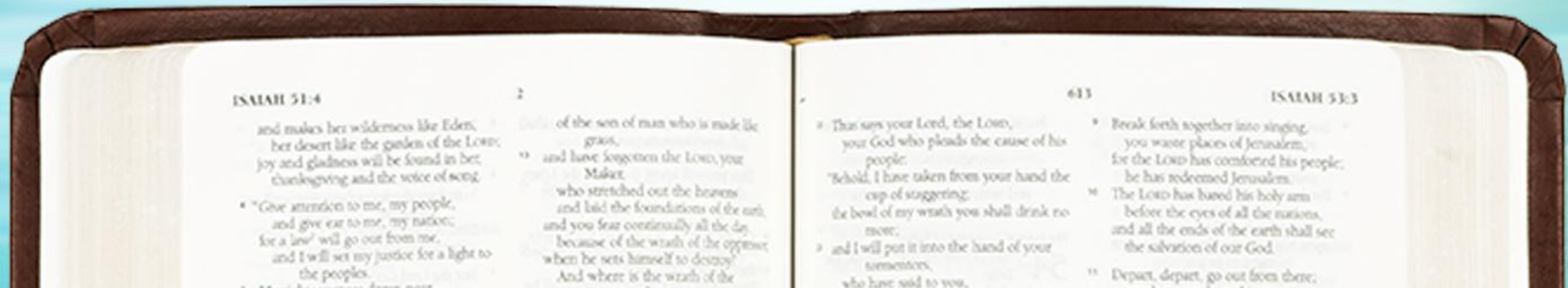
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**What's your plan?
When will you read?
Who's with you?**

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For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:21



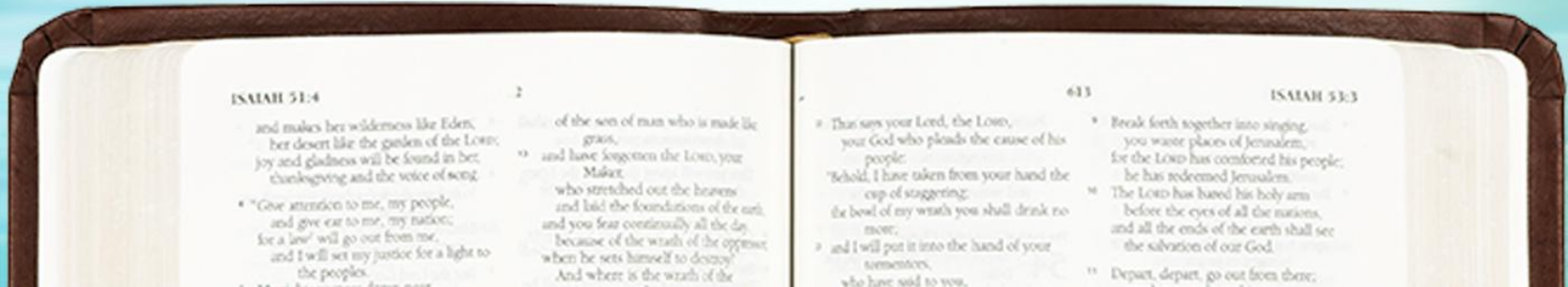
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This is love for God: to obey his commands.

1 John 5:3

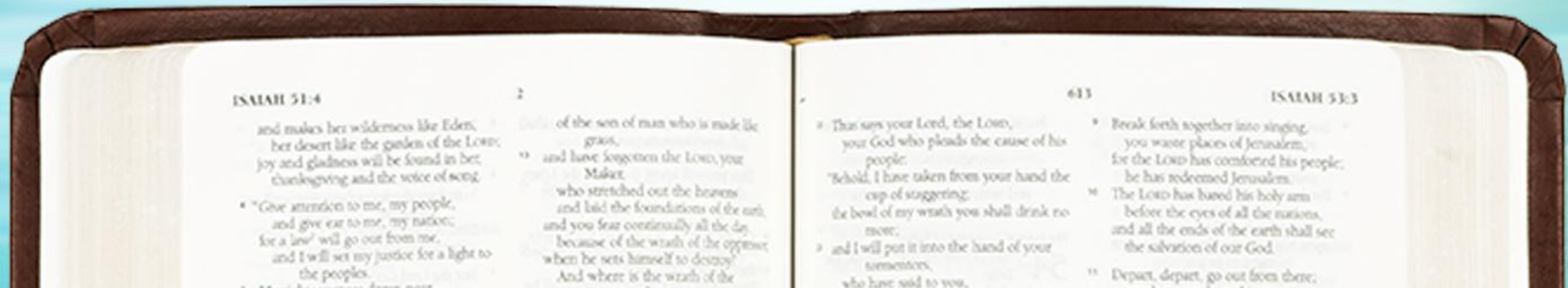


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- Reveals God's Story of Salvation through Jesus



The Word of God reveals God's story of salvation through Jesus.



Salvation is far more than merely the forgiveness of sins. It includes the whole sweep of God's purpose to redeem and restore humankind, and indeed all creation. What we claim for the Bible is that it unfolds God's total plan.

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CREATION



FALL



REDEMPTION



RESTORATION

We read scripture in order to be refreshed in our memory and understanding of the story within which we ourselves are actors, to be reminded where it has come from and where it is going to, and hence what our own part within it ought to be.

N.T. Wright

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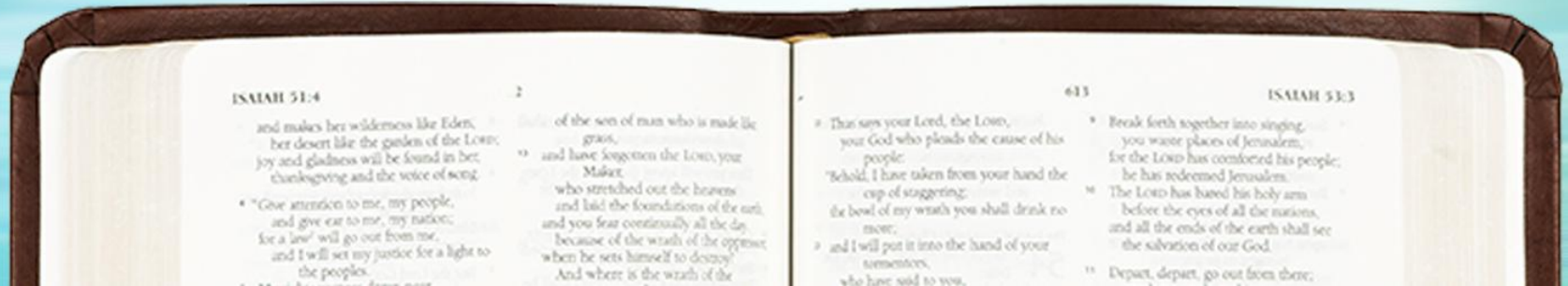
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**But these are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and
that by believing you may have life in his
name.**

John 20:31

