

Scripture Is God's Saving Word



CHAPTER 2 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 2**.

God the Holy Spirit inspired the writers to record what he wanted his people to know but left them to express his message in their own ways.

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Tradition refers to the beliefs and practices of the Church that are passed down from one generation to the next under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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God's Divine Revelation—all he has taught about himself and his will—is contained in Scripture and Tradition. They form a sacred deposit of God's Word.

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The Old Testament is a preparation for the Gospels.

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We learn to interpret and understand God's Word through a combination of human knowledge, the teachings of the Church, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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In the Old Testament, the Law—also called the Pentateuch or the Torah—is the first five books of the Bible.

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The New Testament contains 27 books that tell of the teaching, ministry, and saving events of the life of Jesus. The four Gospels are at the center of all Scripture, because Jesus is at their center and in them we learn about his life, Death, and Resurrection.

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Wisdom Literature helps us understand how to live by God's ways and contains psalms, poems, prayers, sermons, proverbs, and parables.

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When the people had turned away from God, the prophets challenged the people to be faithful to God and to be just to one another.

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Biblical references are always listed in the same order. First the name of the book is listed, then the chapter, and finally the verse.

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