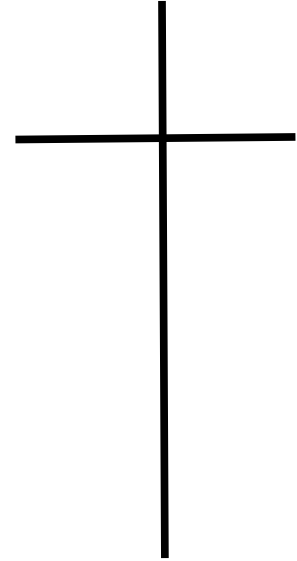


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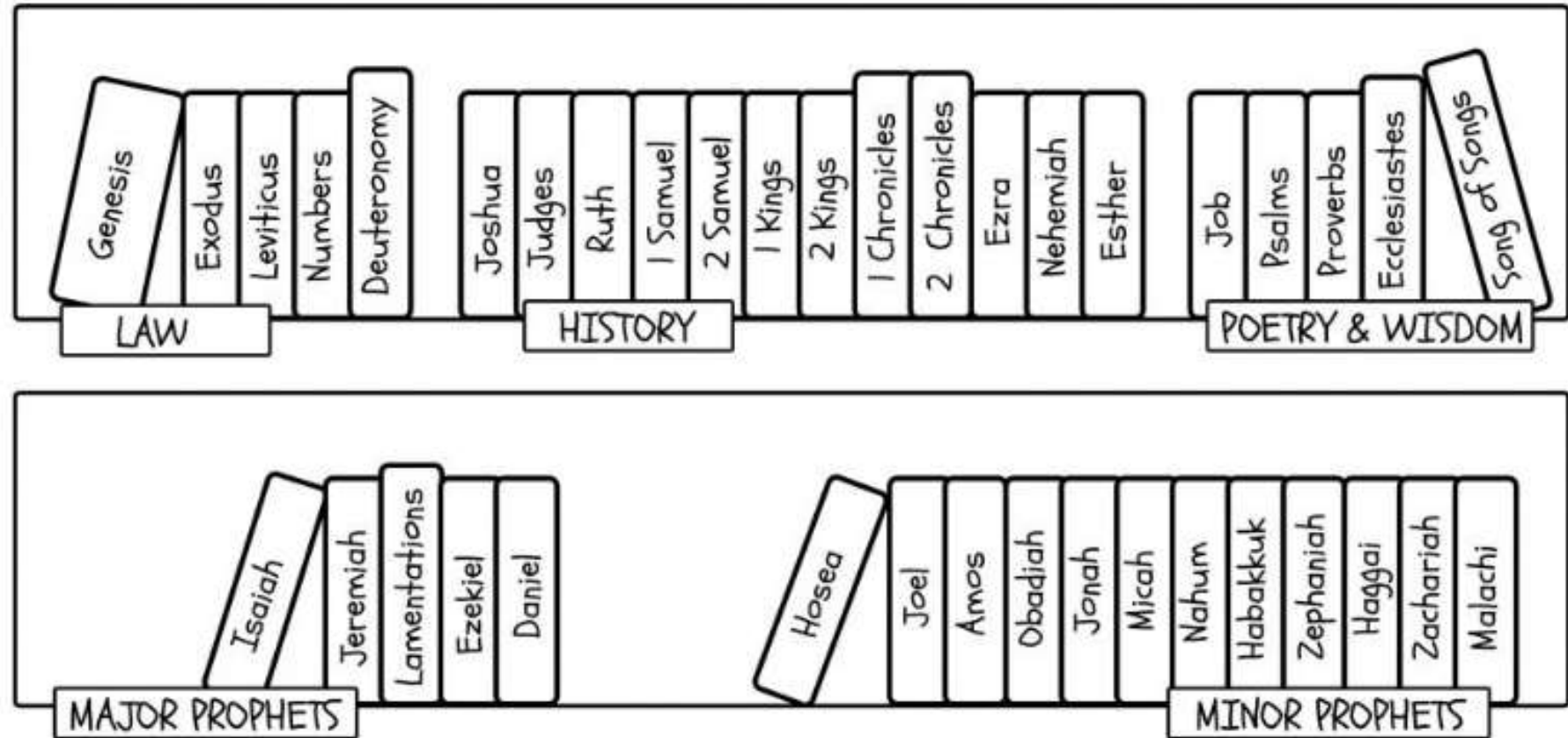
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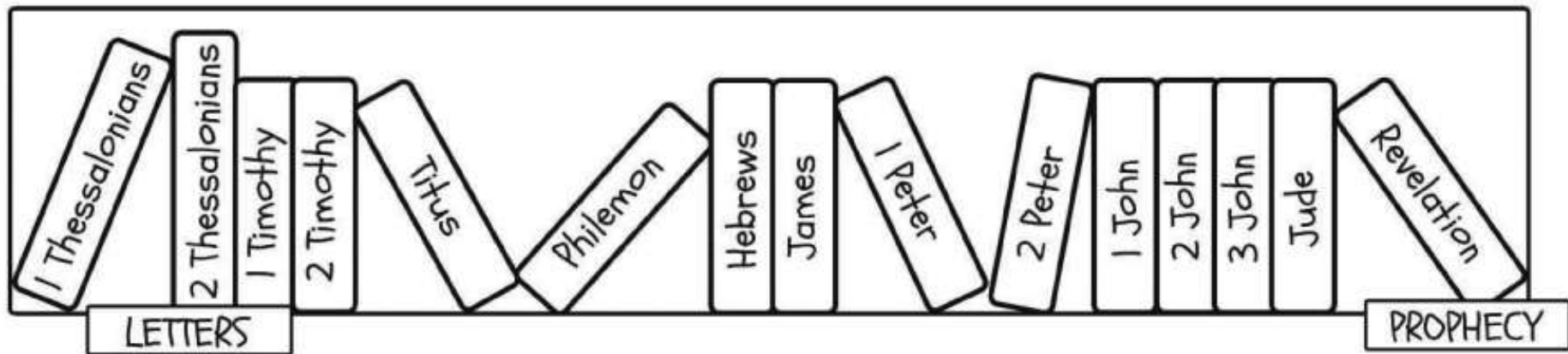
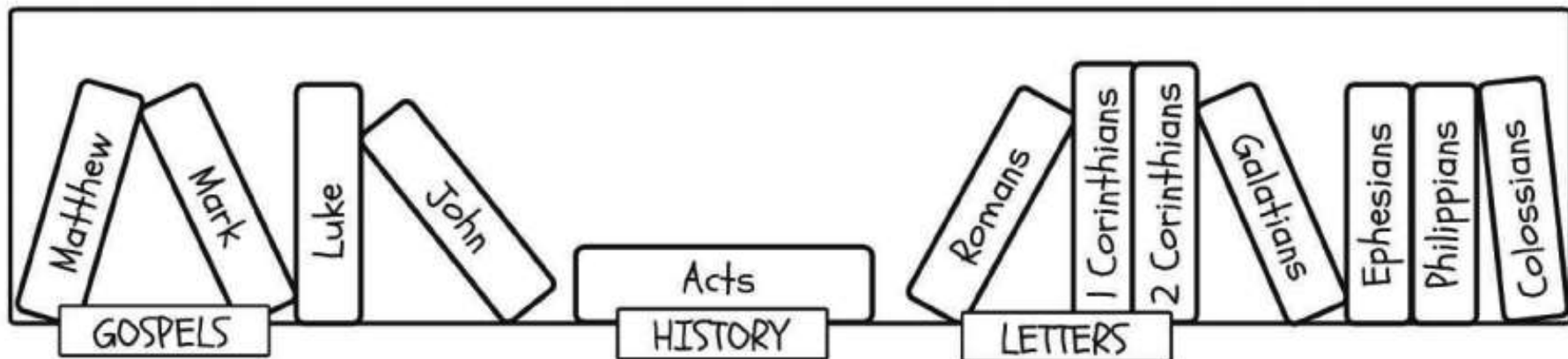
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# The Old Testament



# The New Testament



For by works of the law  
no human being will be  
justified in his sight, since  
through the law comes  
knowledge of sin.

~ Romans 3:20 ~



# *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father who art in Heaven

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth

as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom

and the power and the glory

forever and ever.

*Amen.*

Matthew 6:9-13



## The Introduction

**Our Father who art in  
heaven.**

*What does this mean?*

With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

For in Christ Jesus  
you are all sons of  
God, through faith.

~ Galatians 3:26 ~

### The First Petition

**Hallowed be Thy name.**

*What does this mean?* God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

*How is God's name kept holy?* God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

You shall not take  
the name of the  
Lord your God in  
vain, for the Lord  
will not hold him  
guiltless who takes  
his name in vain.

~ Exodus 20:7 ~

## **The Second Petition**

**Thy kingdom come.**

*What does this mean?* The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

*How does God's kingdom come?* God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

~ John 3:5 ~

## The Third Petition

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

*What does this mean?* The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

*How is God's will done?* God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die.

This is His good and gracious will.

This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

~ 1 Timothy 2:3-4 ~

## The Fourth Petition

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

*What does this mean?* God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their  
food in due season.  
You open your hand;  
you satisfy the desire of  
every living thing.

~ Psalm 145:15-16 ~

### The Fifth Petition

**And forgive us our trespasses as  
we forgive those who trespass  
against us.**

*What does this mean?* We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

**Whoever conceals  
his transgressions  
will not prosper,  
but he who  
confesses and  
forsakes them will  
obtain mercy.**

**~ Proverbs 28:13 ~**

## The Sixth Petition

**And lead us not into temptation.**

*What does this mean?* God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

~ James 1:2-3 ~

## The Seventh Petition

**But deliver us from evil.**

*What does this mean?* We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

The Lord will keep you  
from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep  
your going out and  
your coming in  
from this time forth  
and forevermore.

~ Psalm 121:7-8 ~


## The Conclusion

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.\* Amen.**

*What does this mean?* This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”

**But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.**

**~ 2 Thessalonians 3:3 ~**



Give thanks to the LORD,  
for He is good,  
for His steadfast love  
endures forever.

~ Psalm 136:1 ~

# Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

In the beginning was the  
Word, and the Word was  
with God, and the Word  
was God.

~ John 1:1 ~

*In principio erat Verbum, et Verbum erat  
apud Deum, et Deus erat Verbum.*

This is how one should  
regard us, as servants of  
Christ and stewards of  
the mysteries of God.

~ 1 Corinthians 4:1 ~

## **What is Baptism?**

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

~ Acts 2:38 ~

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

~ Matthew 28:19 ~

**What benefits does  
Baptism give?**

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

~ Mark 16:16 ~

### How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (Titus 3:5–8)

He saved us, not because  
of works done by us in  
righteousness, but  
according to his own  
mercy, by the washing of  
regeneration and  
renewal of the Holy  
Spirit,

~ Titus 3:5 ~

**What does such baptizing  
with water indicate?**

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

~ Romans 6:4 ~

## What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

~ 1 John 1:8-9 ~

## **What is the Office of the Keys?**

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

**What do you believe  
according to these words?**

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

If you forgive the  
sins of any, they are  
forgiven them; if  
you withhold  
forgiveness from  
any, it is withheld

~ John 20:23 ~

## **What is the Sacrament of the Altar?**

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

~ 1 Corinthians 10:16 ~

**What is the benefit of  
this eating and drinking?**

These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

~ 1 John 1:7 ~

**How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?**

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

~ Romans 1:16-17 ~

**Who receives this sacrament  
worthily?**

Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.”

But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words “for you” require all hearts to believe.

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?— unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

~ 2 Corinthians 13:5 ~

By faith Sarah herself  
received power to conceive,  
even when she was past the  
age, since she considered him  
faithful who had promised.

~ Hebrews 11:11 ~