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Classification of the New Testament Books

There are 27 books in the New Testament. They can be divided into three groups:

1. The Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles
2. The Epistles
3. The Apocalyptic Literature

1. The Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles

This group has five books:

1. The Gospel of St. Matthew
2. The Gospel of St. Mark
3. The Gospel of St. Luke
4. The Gospel of St. John
5. The Acts of the Apostles

The four gospels contain some of the teachings and miracles of Lord Jesus.

The Acts of the Apostles present how the first Christian community started and flourished after Lord Jesus Christ. It speaks specially about the acts of St. Peter and St. Paul, two apostles.

Since the teachings of Lord Jesus are found in the Gospels, they are very important for our day-to-day life. They have to be read and meditated daily. Subsequently, we will be able to turn the necessary books of the Holy Bible and Scripture passages quickly, when it is necessary.

2. The Epistles

There are 21 Epistles:

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| 1. Romans | 2. 1 Corinthians |
| 3. 2 Corinthians | 4. Galatians |
| 5. Ephesians | 6. Philippians |
| 7. Colossians | 8. 1 Thessalonians |
| 9. 2 Thessalonians | 10. 1 Timothy |
| 11. 2 Timothy | 12. Titus |

13. Philemon

15. James

17. 2 Peter

19. 2 John

21. Jude

14. Hebrews

16. 1 Peter

18. 1 John

20. 3 John

3. The Apocalyptic Literature

The one and only book in the New Testament which belongs to the Apocalyptic Literature is the Book of Revelation. This was written to strengthen the faith of the Christians who had to undergo persecutions. This book was written in symbolic language. We know that even today many Christians have to face persecutions. Let us pray for them so that they may be faithful to their faith. Thereby let us help them. Let us also make a firm decision that we will never betray our faith. Let us be strengthened by the Word of God to do so.

Activity



1. Name the four Gospels.
2. Name five Epistles, found in the New Testament.
3. Name the only book that belongs to the category of the Apocalyptic Literature of the New Testament.



For Life

The teachings in the New Testament are very important to our Christian lives. Therefore, let us read and meditate them daily. Let us strengthen our faith. Let us also respect and love for the Word of God. Let us have a good understanding of the books of the New Testament. As a result, we may be able to use the New Testament easily.