

# CHRIST CHURCH

## Let's Read the Acts of the Apostles & the Epistles Spring & Summer 2024

The Acts of the Apostles and the letters to the early church unpack the basic doctrines and ethics of the Gospel. They are written under the authority of our risen Lord Jesus and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and they are essential to being a healthy and growing church that does all things to the glory of God.

We recommend these introductory articles from [Bible Gateway](#) and [The Bible Project](#) as well as the first four chapters of [How To Read the Bible For All Its Worth](#), and consider trying a translation that is less familiar so that you hear it in fresh ways. We encourage using our SOAP Scripture reading method below — Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer.

### **Week 1 - April 7**

Sunday	Acts 1-2
Monday	Acts 3-4
Tuesday	Acts 5-6
Wednesday	Acts 7-8
Thursday	Acts 9-10
Friday	Acts 11-12
Saturday	Acts 13-14

### **Week 2 - April 14**

Sunday	Acts 15-16
Monday	Acts 17-18
Tuesday	Acts 19-20
Wednesday	Acts 21-22
Thursday	Acts 23-24
Friday	Acts 25-26
Saturday	Acts 27-28

### **Week 3 - April 21**

Sunday	Romans 1
Monday	Romans 2
Tuesday	Romans 3
Wednesday	Romans 4
Thursday	Romans 5
Friday	Romans 6
Saturday	Romans 7

### **Week 4 - April 28**

Sunday	Romans 8
Monday	Romans 9
Tuesday	Romans 10
Wednesday	Romans 11
Thursday	Romans 12
Friday	Romans 13
Saturday	Romans 14

### **Week 5 - May 5**

Sunday	Romans 15
Monday	Romans 16
Tuesday	1 Cor. 1
Wednesday	1 Cor. 2
Thursday	1 Cor. 3
Friday	1 Cor. 4
Saturday	1 Cor. 5

### **Week 6 - May 12**

Sunday	1 Cor. 6
Monday	1 Cor. 7
Tuesday	1 Cor. 8
Wednesday	1 Cor. 9
Thursday	1 Cor. 10
Friday	1 Cor. 11
Saturday	1 Cor. 12

**Week 7 - May 19**

Sunday 1 Cor. 13  
 Monday 1 Cor. 14  
 Tuesday 1 Cor. 15  
 Wednesday 1 Cor. 16  
 Thursday 2 Cor. 1  
 Friday 2 Cor. 2  
 Saturday 2 Cor. 3

**Week 8 - May 26**

Sunday 2 Cor. 4  
 Monday 2 Cor. 5  
 Tuesday 2 Cor. 6  
 Wednesday 2 Cor. 7  
 Thursday 2 Cor. 8  
 Friday 2 Cor. 9  
 Saturday 2 Cor. 10

**Week 9 - June 2**

Sunday 2 Cor. 11  
 Monday 2 Cor. 12  
 Tuesday 2 Cor. 13  
 Wednesday Galatians 1  
 Thursday Galatians 2  
 Friday Galatians 3  
 Saturday Galatians 4

**Week 10 - June 9**

Sunday Galatians 5  
 Monday Galatians 6  
 Tuesday Ephesians 1  
 Wednesday Ephesians 2  
 Thursday Ephesians 3  
 Friday Ephesians 4  
 Saturday Ephesians 5

**Week 11 - June 16**

Sunday Ephesians 6  
 Monday Philippians 1  
 Tuesday Philippians 2  
 Wednesday Philippians 3  
 Thursday Philippians 4  
 Friday Colossians 1  
 Saturday Colossians 2

**Week 12 - June 23**

Sunday Colossians 3  
 Monday Colossians 4  
 Tuesday 1 Thess. 1  
 Wednesday 1 Thess. 2  
 Thursday 1 Thess. 3  
 Friday 1 Thess. 4  
 Saturday 1 Thess. 5

**Week 13 - June 30**

Sunday 2 Thess. 1  
 Monday 2 Thess. 2  
 Tuesday 2 Thess. 3  
 Wednesday 1 Timothy 1  
 Thursday 1 Timothy 2  
 Friday 1 Timothy 3  
 Saturday 1 Timothy 4

**Week 14 - July 7**

Sunday 1 Timothy 5  
 Monday 1 Timothy 6  
 Tuesday 2 Timothy 1  
 Wednesday 2 Timothy 2  
 Thursday 2 Timothy 3  
 Friday 2 Timothy 4  
 Saturday Titus 1

**Week 15 - July 14**

Sunday Titus 2  
 Monday Titus 3  
 Tuesday Philemon  
 Wednesday Hebrews 1  
 Thursday Hebrews 2  
 Friday Hebrews 3  
 Saturday Hebrews 4

**Week 16 - July 21**

Sunday Hebrews 5  
 Monday Hebrews 6  
 Tuesday Hebrews 7  
 Wednesday Hebrews 8  
 Thursday Hebrews 9  
 Friday Hebrews 10  
 Saturday Hebrews 11

**Week 17 - July 28**

Sunday Hebrews 12  
 Monday Hebrews 13  
 Tuesday James 1  
 Wednesday James 2  
 Thursday James 3  
 Friday James 4  
 Saturday James 5

**Week 18 - August 4**

Sunday 1 Peter 1  
 Monday 1 Peter 2  
 Tuesday 1 Peter 3  
 Wednesday 1 Peter 4  
 Thursday 1 Peter 5  
 Friday 2 Peter 1  
 Saturday 2 Peter 2

**Week 19 - August 11**

Sunday 2 Peter 3  
 Monday 1 John 1  
 Tuesday 1 John 2  
 Wednesday 1 John 3  
 Thursday 1 John 4  
 Friday 1 John 5  
 Saturday 2 John

**Week 20 - August 18**

Sunday 3 John  
 Monday Jude  
 Tuesday Rev. 1-2  
 Wednesday Rev. 3-4  
 Thursday Rev. 5-6  
 Friday Rev. 7-8  
 Saturday Rev. 9-10

**Week 21 - August 25**

Sunday Rev. 11-12  
 Monday Rev. 13-14  
 Tuesday Rev. 15-16  
 Wednesday Rev. 17-18  
 Thursday Rev. 19-20  
 Friday Rev. 21  
 Saturday Rev. 22

# SOAP Scripture Reading Method

SOAP stands for Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer. This is a viewable, doable, and reproducible way of hearing God and doing what he says. It is a simple morning routine you can develop for listening to God's voice and living into his invitations and challenges. This will take you 10-20 minutes.

Sit down for a daily visit and conversation with God. You are here not to complete an assignment but to enjoy an appointment. It is not a task to do, it is a mystery to enter into. It is not about results, it is about relationship. You are not working on a project, you are listening to a person.

**Scripture** - Listen for the Word within the Word. Within the firm Word of the Scriptures, God has a fresh Word from his Spirit. You may want to read the text a few times, perhaps even aloud so you can hear it with your ears. When God grabs your attention, stop and write down the verse or phrase that stood out to you. Writing it down slows you down. This enables you to meditate on God's Word like a dog gnawing on a bone.

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**Observation** - What is it about this verse or phrase that caught your attention? You are not preparing a teaching or publishing an article here. You are responding to God as he is speaking to you. Enter into the dialogue in the first person, "Lord, I see you... I hear you... Or what do you want me to see?... What do you want me to hear?" You can address God as Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit, or any other Biblical references for God.

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**Application** - Now you get to live into what God has said through his Scriptures written down thousands of years ago and through his Spirit speaking to you now. Application is expressing your faith in action. Again, be sure you write to God not about God. "Lord, I

sense you are inviting me... or challenging me... Lord, I sense you saying this to me about who you are... or about who I am.”

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**Prayer** - The truth is you have been in prayer the whole time so far. You’ve been reading, observing, applying, all of which is paying attention to the Lord. But this is a moment to ask the Lord to enable and empower you to live by faith and act upon what you’ve heard him saying to you.

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*Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. (Deuteronomy 8:3)*

*Is not my word like fire and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? (Jeremiah 23:29)*

*Blessed is the one whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers. (Psalm 1:1-3)*

*Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. (Matthew 7:24)*

*If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. (John 15:7)*

*I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes (Romans 1:16)*

*For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)*

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16)*