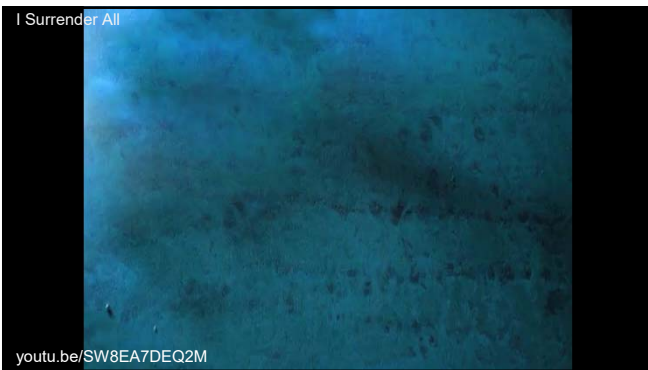


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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



The Bible

The Bible

- Greek *Biblia*, meaning Books
- Divided into Old and New Testament
- Testament means “Agreement”
- Scriptures mean “Sacred Writings”
- The most translated book
 - Old + New Testament : 270 languages
 - New Testament : 700 languages

One Word, Two Forms

- Before any of the New Testament books were written, early Church teachings were passed down orally.
- One *Word* of God, Two Forms
 - Written – Sacred Scripture (i.e. The Bible)
 - Various truths inspired by the Holy Spirit
 - Sacred Tradition
 - Teaching Authority of the Church
 - “So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.” 2 The 2:15
- The Bible is the “book of Christianity”, but Christianity is not a “religion of the book”.



Old Testament

- Stories of God's relationship with the Jews, his first chosen people.
 - Old agreement between God and the Jews.
- 39 Protocanonical & 7 Deuterocanonical = 46 books
 - 5 Pentateuch (*Five Books, Jewish Torah*)
 - 16 History
 - 7 Wisdom
 - 18 Prophets

New Testament

- Jesus' life story and teachings.
 - New agreement between God and His People, as revealed by Jesus.
- 27 books
 - 4 Gospel (Good News)
 - Acts Of The Apostles
 - 13 St Paul's Letters or Epistles
 - 8 Other Letters
 - Revelation or Apocalypse

The Gospels

- Early Christians rely only on Oral Traditions, before many (not just 4) Gospels were written
- The Church recognises 4 Gospels : Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
- Matthew, Mark, Luke are called Synoptic Gospels (Greek meaning "seeing together")



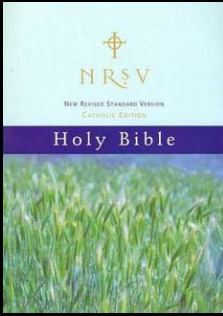
The Letters or Epistles

- Each written to a specific group of early Christians
- Mostly written by St Paul
- 14 St Paul's Letters (some acronymous)
- 7 Other Letters

Ro-co-co Gal-e-phi Co-the-the Tim-tim-ti-phil-he

R omans	1 T imothy
1 C orinthians	2 T imothy
2 C orinthians	T itus
G alatians	P hilemon
E phesians	H ebrews
P hilippians	
C olossians	
1 T hessalonians	
2 T hessalonians	


For the RCIA, we use the
NRSV (New Revised
Standard Edition)
Catholic Edition



Bible Reference

E.g. 1 John 3:1-2.21-24


Book Chapter Verses (dot or comma means "to skip over to")

Lets find this passage: Luke 18:18-25 

Lectio Divina Bible Reflection Technique

<p>Lectio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Read" • Read several times, be attentive to detail • Note verses or phrases that stand out to you • Work to understand meaning and background 	<p>Meditatio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Meditate" • Think about reading and connect to your life • Imagine being present to hear the passage or witness the story
<p>Contemplatio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Contemplate" • Quiet expression of love between you & God • Note what God is trying to teach you through the passage & time of prayer 	<p>Oratio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Pray" • Dialogue with God in prayer about passage • Thank God for His Word • Ask Him to lead you to deeper understanding

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Who You Say I Am

*Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me?
I was lost, but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me*

*Who the Son sets free
Oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes, I am*

*Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin,
Jesus died for me
Yes, He died for me*

*Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes, I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes, I am*

*I am chosen
Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me
Not against me
I am who You say I am*

*I am chosen
Not forsaken
I am who You say I am*

*You are for me
Not against me
I am who You say I am
Oh, I am who You say I am
Yes, I am who You say I am*

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(repeat)*



Discussion

- Share a tradition of your family that has been passed down the generation.
How do you know the tradition is authentic?
- What is your favourite Bible story.
Why is it your favourite?

