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# The Bible In Five Acts

*“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 3:16-17

**A**ccording to N.T. Wright, the early church saw the “Word” as both the fulfillment of the Old Testament promises and a call to accept the Spirit’s life-changing power and authority in the present. The one who fulfills the Old Testament and is responsible for receiving the life changing power of the Holy Spirit is Jesus Christ, the word who become flesh. At the climax of human history is the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of King Jesus. Seeing the world through the lens of the Good News of Jesus Christ provides the true story of the world and the foundation for the church’s current mission of advancing the Kingdom of God. The true story of the world is found within the Bible.

The Bible’s narrative can be broken up into a five-act play. N.T. Wright uses this as a

metaphor for providing the overarching unity of an otherwise diverse collection of texts. The first act deals with creation, how God created the world out from nothing and deemed it good. The second act speaks about humanity's rebellion against God. The consequences of the fall have left the world with conflict, sin, and death. The third act is the story of the people of Israel, where God calls Abraham to be a father of a nation that would one day bless all the nations. The story of Israel is the majority of the Old Testament where God makes promises to the descendants of Abraham about how one day the world will be made right through them. The fourth act is the climax of humanity's story and is found in the person of Jesus Christ, who fulfills the promises of God found within the Old Testament. The fifth act, which we are currently in, is the story of the church. The church, the new covenant people of God, began at Pentecost where the Holy Spirit partners with Christians to go and make disciples of all nations. Humanity is currently in the fifth act and it will continue until Christ returns.

Acts	Scripture Reference	Key Event
First Act: Creation	Genesis Ch. 1-2	God Creating The World Out Of Nothing
Second Act: Fall	Genesis Ch. 3-11	The Fall of Humanity
Third Act: Israel	Genesis: Ch: 12- Malachi Ch:4	The Call of Abraham
Fourth Act: Jesus Christ	Gospels: Matthew, Luke, Mark, and John.	Jesus Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection
Fifth Act: Church	Acts-Revelation	Pentecost and the spread of Christianity

It is important for Christians to know the Bible because it equips them to live out their purpose of becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ and helps them carry out their mission of making disciples of all the nations. It is vital not to cherry pick parts of the narrative of the Bible but to keep the story in its proper sequence. For example, one cannot make sense of the fourth act properly by omitting the third. It is essential to keep the story in order and to understand the importance of each act, so that the reader can know his or her role in the fifth and final act.

*In Christ,*

*Rev. Dr. Haig Kherlopian*

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## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

### Join us for:

*Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 AM  
Tuesday Night Bible Study at 7:30 PM  
Thursday Night Zumba Fitness at 7:30 PM*

### Oct 23     **Feast & Feast**

Join us as we worship in song and eating.  
*7:30 PM - All are welcome!*

### Oct 27     **Lahmejun Luncheon**

Lunch will be served following service.

### Nov 8-10   **AEYF Plus Conference**

*Topic: Armor of God - Thornton, NH  
Visit [AEYF.org](http://AEYF.org) for more information.*

### Nov 17     **123rd Anniversary Celebration**

*Details to follow!*

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