

A person in a white robe is shown from the chest down, holding a large, unrolled scroll. The person's hands are visible at the ends of the scroll. The background is a light, textured surface.

Scripture

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The Bible: Part 3



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THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED



Sharing:

1. What do you think about the Christian belief that God's Word is alive? That God desires to communicate with us personally through the Bible?
2. What about this video clip did you find most interesting, or grabbed your attention?



LET'S HAVE SOME
FUN!!

Review of the facts:

The Catholic Bible Contains 73 books

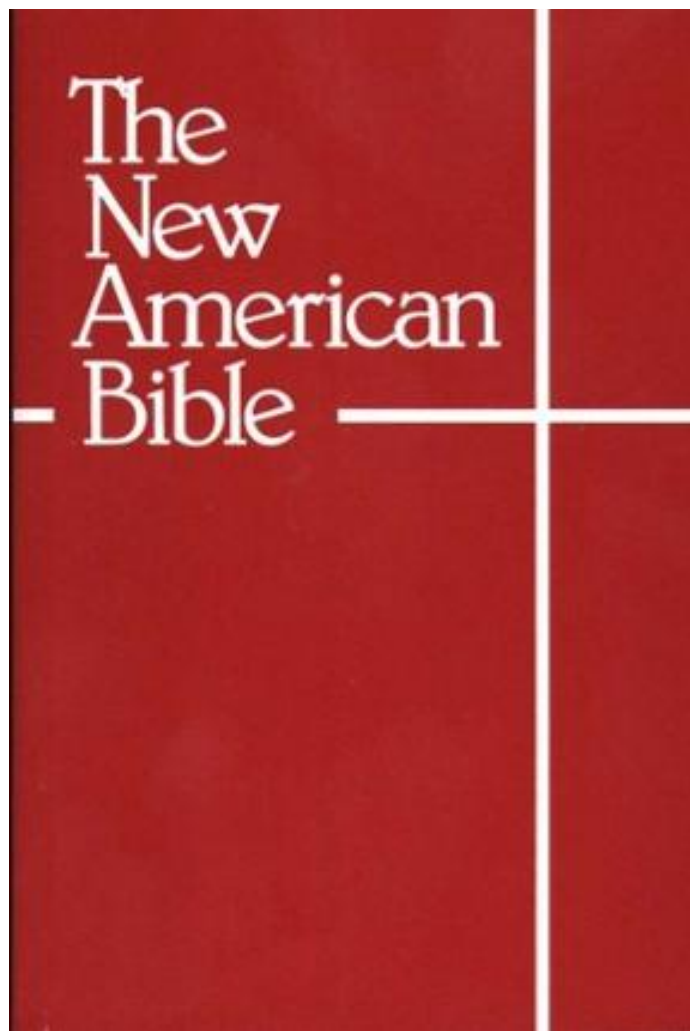
OT: 46 NT:27

The Bible was written:

- *Over a 1500 year span [1400 B.C. to A.D. 100]*
- *Over 40 generations*
- *Over 40 authors from many walks of life*
- *On three continents: Asia, Africa and Europe*
- *In three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek*

How do we find a Bible passage?

Time to open your New American Bible



How do we find a Bible passage?

- Table of contents: Hebrew Scripture (Old Testament) & New Testament
- Book – chapter & verse

Breaking the Code

Isaiah 40:13-14

ISAIAH

 **40** “Comfort, comfort my people,”
says your God.

2 “Speak to the heart of Jerusalem,
And proclaim to her that her compulsory
service has been fulfilled, That her guilt
has been paid off.”

 **13** Who has taken the measurements
of the spirit of Jehovah,
And who can instruct him as his adviser?
14 With whom did he consult to gain . . .



Let's Practice

Genesis 1:1-3

John 3:16

Isaiah 41:10

Acts 1:11

It's Time For



How we read Scripture

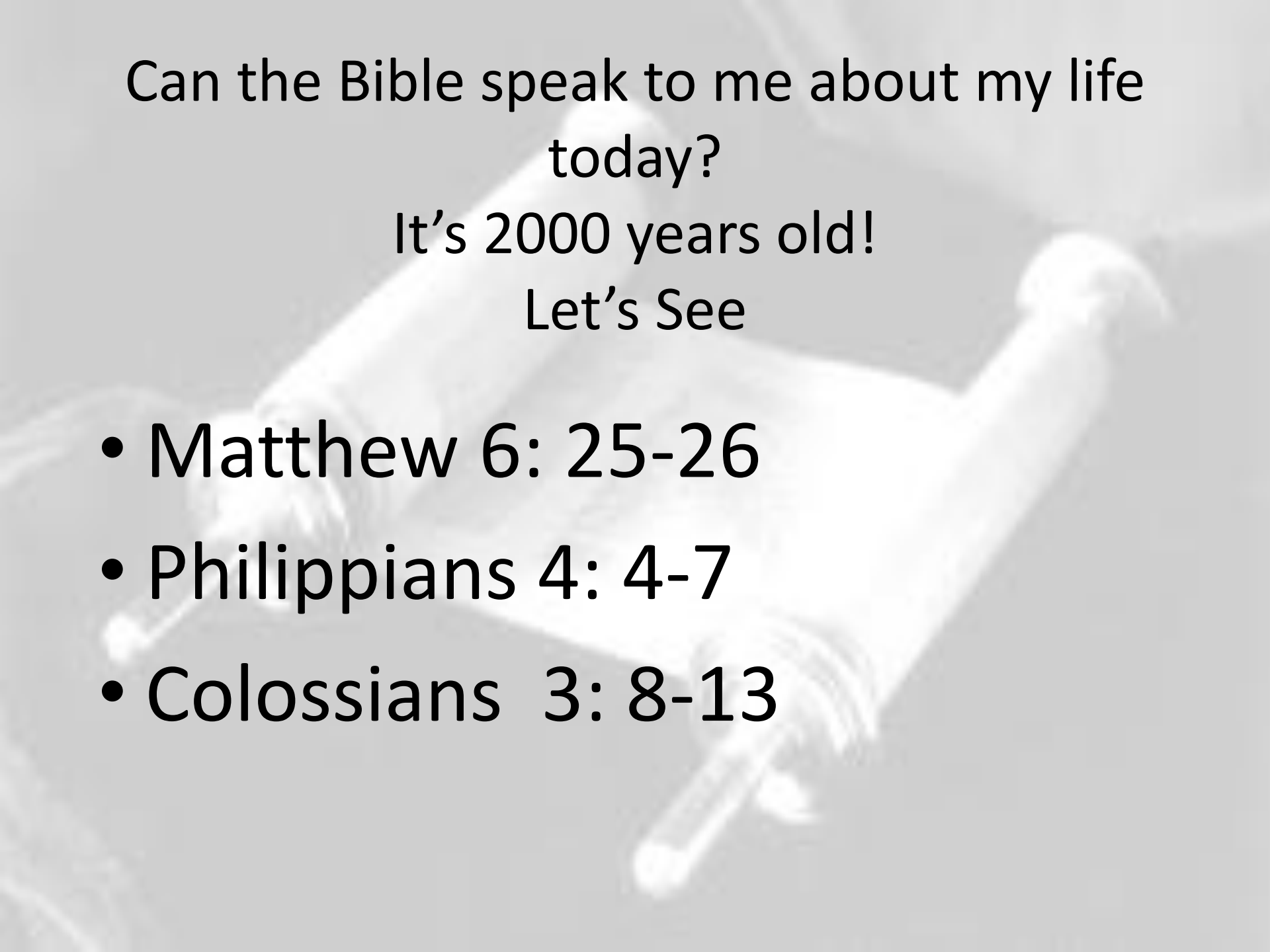
*If the New Testament is the new Covenant...
why do we still read the Old Testament?*



(Does a tree only begin at ground level?)

How we read Scripture





Can the Bible speak to me about my life
today?

It's 2000 years old!

Let's See

- Matthew 6: 25-26
- Philippians 4: 4-7
- Colossians 3: 8-13

Q. Do we take the Bible literally?

A. Not literally, but literarily.

We believe the Holy Spirit inspired the authors of sacred Scripture, therefore...

Not everything in Scripture is literally true, But
everything in Scripture is literarily true.

All of scripture communicates God's TRUTH.

Literally vs Literarily

- literally means that something means exactly what it says:

“My aunt from Nebraska is literally my last living relative”

- literarily means something in relation to books or literature:

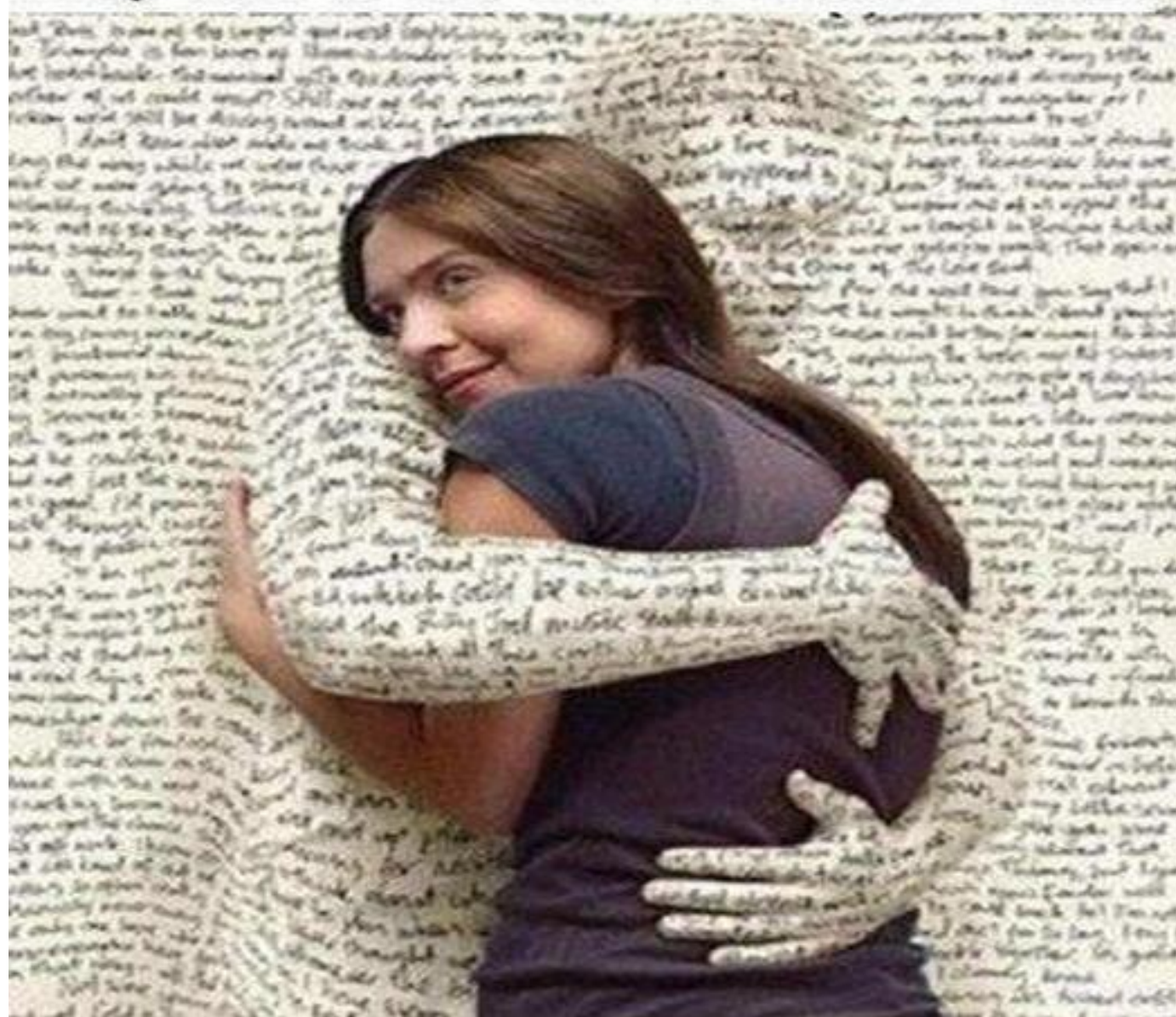
“She had doves in her eyes”

The main things to be sure we know about the Bible...

1. Each book is inspired by the Holy Spirit and culminates in the Person of Jesus
2. The Bible is like Jesus – fully human and fully divine
3. We Can Trust That the Bible Hasn't Been Changed
4. The Bible teaches the TRUTH
5. God wants to communicate with us **personally**

How'd we do? Questions?

Only The Word of God Can do this...



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- 3) Search for Parish by typing in:
“Our lady of the Assumption Ventura CA”