

the Covenant, which contained the Ten Words and manna from their wanderings in the desert. However, God revealed to David through the prophet Nathan that God would fulfill His promise by sending the Savior through David's line of descendants. The prophet Nathan also told David that the throne of the Kingdom of God as established by Jesus Christ will last forever.

Jesus

The prophets foretold the coming of the Savior who would give His life for each and every person, so that their sins could be forgiven. The prophets proclaimed that the Messiah desired to be completely united with each person, and called the people to prepare for the Savior. God kept His Promise. Through the cooperation of Mary, the virgin of Nazareth, He sent His Son who took on a human nature, to accomplish our redemption as both God and man. (Luke 1:26-38)

Jesus Christ is the center point of the Bible. Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God on earth, the Catholic Church, as the means for us to be united with Him. Jesus instituted the seven Sacraments, and we continue to receive these seven



Sacraments through the Church. By our reception of the Sacraments, we receive sanctifying grace, which is a participation in God's Life. Grace empowers us to live as a faithful disciple of Jesus. The greatest of the Sacraments is the Holy Eucharist. We receive Jesus Himself in Holy Communion. This closest union with Jesus is to be a relationship of love. To make this possible, Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead so that our sins could be forgiven, and we can be reunited with Him through the Sacraments.

The Holy Spirit & the Church

Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit so that the Church could be publicly manifested, and His followers would be emboldened as His witnesses, which took place on Pentecost. (Acts 2:1-4) The Apostles were empowered by the Holy Spirit to go forth and celebrate the Sacraments and to teach the Truth given by Jesus Christ. It is through knowing

the Truth and receiving and cooperating with sanctifying grace that we are empowered to be faithful to Christ and live in union with Him, preparing in this life for our destiny to see God face to face. The Story of the Bible continues, as we await with sure hope for Christ to come again and judge the living and the dead. We long for the perfect joy of union with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in our heavenly homeland. Consider taking time each day to read God's love letter to you as written in the Bible. As St. Jerome so vividly said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." Carving out five minutes to read a passage from Sacred Scripture will have an effect on you and your family. You might begin by reading a Bible Story Book with your family every night; or taking up the Gospel of Luke. It will be worth your investment in coming to know better your Savior and Lord.

