READ
Colossians 4:16

ANSWER
Thirdly, we are to publish the Word in print so that the church can send it. What was the church at Colosse supposed to do with Paul's epistle, or letter, when they had read it? _____ [14].

THINK
The written Word of God was to be a part of their lives. The Scripture they received was the result of someone being obedient to God's commands to provide it for them. What they received was not to stay with them. They were to copy it and pass it on ("*cause that it be read also*").

The Word of God cannot reproduce itself. A Bible cannot produce a Bible. That is why God has given the church the responsibility to preserve His Word and reproduce it.

The Word of God cannot move itself. It needs a carrier. It may be by plane, by truck, by mail, or by a missionary. Missionaries need the Word of God to get the job done (Romans 10:17).

More than likely, you own a Bible. As a matter of fact, you may have even more than one. What a privilege it is to have a copy of God's Word, but so many people in the world are still waiting to even see their first copy of God's Word. It has been provided, protected, and preserved for us. Now, we must give together and work together to publish God's Word around the world...that all the earth may know!

Answer Key

1. *write it*
2. *credibility*
3. *plain*
4. *clarity*
5. *run*
6. *conviction*
7. *by hearing the word of God*
8. *Pauline Epistles*
9. *Gospels*
10. *Revelation*
11. *Prophetical Books*
12. *Pentateuch*
13. *Great Commission*
14. *Cause that it be read in the church of Laodicea.*

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LESSON **FOUR**

God's Purpose For Providing His Word to Every Generation

THINK

We have seen in the previous three lessons that God wanted to reveal Himself to mankind, and He ultimately did so through the written Word of God. Then, we learned that something as valuable as His Word should be handled in a very specific way. We also saw that if that were going to take place consistently, then a very particular group of people should be involved in the process. Now, we are going to look at the next step. Why did God command His people to produce His Word to an entire world?

There can be no debate that God expects every Christian to publish His words to people who have not heard. There are many verses that teach us that truth. Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, Luke 24:44-47, and Acts 1:8 are just a few to which we commonly refer. The part of publishing Scriptures that has been greatly left out in the modern era of the church (which was a part of life to the early Christians) is the copying and passing on of the Scriptures they received.

READ

Habakkuk 2:2

ANSWER

First, we are to publish the Bible in print so others may read it for themselves. What did God tell the prophet Habakkuk to do with the vision He gave him? _____[1].

It was not enough for Habakkuk to *just tell* the people what God said, he had to put it into print. Writing is a more permanent, accurate, and secure method of seeing that God's Word is carried to the next generation. Habakkuk's vision was written for _____[2].

God told Habakkuk to make the vision _____[3]. Without clear understanding, there could be no application. It wa[3]s written for _____[4]. What would the people do who read Habakkuk's writing? _____[5].

The vision (Word of God) that God was giving was of such importance that it was to be responded to immediately. It was written for _____[6].

READ

Romans 10:14-17; 16:25-26

ANSWER

Secondly, we are to publish the Bible in print so that all can obey it. Where does faith in God come from?_____ _____[7] (Romans 10:14, 17).

Being grounded in the Word of God, or spiritual maturity, comes through receiving all the Bible. In Romans 16:25-26, Paul states that knowledge of these areas of Scripture will help others for "*the obedience of faith*." Can you identify to which section of the Bible each phrase refers?

1. According to my Gospel = _____[8]
2. Preaching of Jesus Christ = _____[9]
3. Revelation of the mystery = _____[10]
4. Scriptures of the prophets = _____[11]
5. Commandment of the everlasting God = _____[12]
6. Made known to all nations = _____[13]

Making the Bible known to all nations requires Scripture **translation** (into all Languages) for all nations and Scripture **publishing** to all nations.