



**SIX DEGREES  
OF  
SEPARATION**

## 6 Degrees

- | Six degrees of separation is the theory that everyone and everything is six or fewer steps away, by way of introduction, from any other person in the world, so that a chain of "a friend of a friend" statements can be made to connect any two people in a maximum of six steps.
- | From Wikipedia.org

## 6 Degrees

- Example – Manly – nephew in China – taught many students in last 10 years
- Example – Janet – Kate (interpreter in Russia) – several countries and in California for a year.
- Think about all you know – and then all that one of them might know

## 6 Degrees

- | The same principle applies to our study of the Bible.
- | There are 6 degrees of separation between us and a proper understanding of the Word of God.

# 1 Immediate

- | A verse must be studied with the immediate context.
- | The phrase must be part of the sentence.
- | The sentence is part of a paragraph.
- | The paragraph is part of the subject or topic being discussed.

## 2 Expanded

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Rudyard Kipling poem

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- | I keep six honest men
- | (They taught me all I knew)
- | Their names are What and Why and When
- | And How and Where and Who

## 3 Literary

- | There is a difference in a legal document and the daily newspaper or the Sunday comics
- | We must know if we are reading - - -
- | Law, History, Poetry
- | Prophecy, Biography, Letters
- | Apocalyptic

## 4 Covenant

- | There are 3 major covenants in the Bible
- | 1 Patriarchal
- | 2 Law of Moses
- | 3 Law of Christ

## 4 Covenant

- | This is important to know
- | What commands apply to us / don't apply to us
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- | What covenant we are under
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- | Thief on the cross vs. baptism
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- | Instruments at time of David

## 5 Ultimate

- | The Bible is 66 books / 40+ writers
- | Written over a period of more than 3,000 years
- | Two major sections – OT and NT
- | But it is one book – the Book of Books
- | The whole Bible is connected
- | The central theme is Jesus
- | Genesis – Revelation

## 5 Ultimate

In the NT are many quotations from the OT

- | Many people in the OT are mentioned in the NT
- | OT prophecy is fulfilled in the NT

## 5 Degrees

- | 1 Immediate Context
- | 2 Expanded Context
- | 3 Literary Context
- | 4 Covenant Context
- | 5 Ultimate Context
- | With these 5 – You can be connected to the teaching of the Bible.