

HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE

If God has given you new spiritual life within, then you will naturally have a _____ to know God's Word
If you don't apply the basic rules for rightly understanding the Bible, your Bible study could be _____

I. THE GOLDEN RULE: "If the plain sense makes _____ sense, then seek no other sense."

This rule does not mean that we cannot apply _____ from the Bible that may not be apparent on the surface.

A. We Interpret the Bible _____

1) We take _____ at face value with their normal meanings even when reading poetry or fairy tales

2) This rule does not mean that the Bible does not use _____ of speech like metaphors and similes

3) An example of the use a metaphor is found in John 10:9, when Jesus says, "I am the _____"

B. We Interpret the Bible _____

1) We must understand the geography, history and _____ of the place in which the Bible was written

2) Because we are farther removed in both _____ and place, the Bible can be difficult to understand

3) In English we have many reference works like _____ that supply these details

C. We Interpret the Bible _____

1) The Bible was not written originally in English; the OT was written in _____, the NT in _____

2) No matter how good an English translation, something is always _____ in the translation

3) We can dig deeper by using exegetical commentaries, word studies and even learning _____

II. CONTEXT, CONTEXT, CONTEXT: "A text without a context is a _____"

A. The _____ Context

1) The easiest way to be certain that we are not _____ a verse is to understand the verses around it

2) At times the immediate context extend beyond chapter divisions which were not inspired by _____

B. The Context of the _____ of the Bible

1) Each book was written by a particular author who had a particular _____

2) Each book was written for a different purpose: some are history, others _____

3) Most books contain one primary kind of literature, such as _____

C. The Context of the _____ Bible

We must never make an unclear verse in one part of the Bible _____ other passages in the

Bible that are clear or the Bible as a whole; the old theologians called this "the _____ of Scripture"

III. THE KEY TO THE SCRIPTURES = JESUS CHRIST

A. Jesus is the _____ figure of the Bible; wherever we are reading, we should keep our eyes on Him

B. We can see _____ in every book from Genesis to Revelation if we have eyes to see Him

WHAT IS YOUR PLAN FOR STUDYING THE BIBLE IN 2018?

Books of the Bible/Types of Literature

Genesis	History
Exodus	History, Law
Leviticus	Law, History
Numbers	History
Deuteronomy	Law
Joshua—Esther	History
Job	Wisdom
Psalms	Songs/Poetry
Proverbs.....	Wisdom
Ecclesiastes	Wisdom
Song of Solomon.....	Wisdom
Isaiah—Malachi	Prophecy, Poetry
Matthew—John	Biography, Parables, Miracles
Acts	History, Sermons
Romans—2 Thessalonians	Letters to Churches
1 Timothy—Titus	Letters to Pastors
Hebrews.....	Letter to Church
James.....	Letter, Wisdom
1 Peter	Letter to Church
2 Peter	Letter to Church
1 John	Letter to Church
2 John	Letter to Church
3 John	Letter to Individual
Jude	Letter
Revelation.....	Prophecy