

“How to properly interpret & study your Bible”

We are commanded to “Seek”(Isaiah 34:16) “Search”(John 5:39) & “Study”(2Timothy 2:15)

#1.Pray!

Psalms 119:18,33,73,169- This book is a spiritual book & must be spiritually discerned. 1.Cor.2:14

#2.Never Correct the Bible, always let the Bible correct you!

Psalms 119:128 & Proverbs 30:5. We don't correct the scripture, we allow the scriptures to correct & change our lives! 2.Cor.2:17, 4:2 & 1.Thess.2:13

#3.Always seek to compare a verse with a verse!

1.Cor.2:13 & Isaiah 28:9-10- Don't take a stand alone verse out of its context & try to make it say or teach something that it doesn't. 2.Pet.1:20

#4.All of the Bible is written FOR you, but not all of the Bible is written TO you! 2.Tim.3:16

Example-Lev.11 & Rom.14 & 1.Tim.4:4Example-Num.9:2-4 & 1.Cor.5:7

Example-Matt.10:5-8 & 1.Cor.1:17-24, Rom.1:16-17Example-Matt.23:13-14 & 1.Pet.1:5, Eph.1:13

#5. Three meanings to every verse of scripture!

Historical- who is this talking to & at what time? A good example of this is the heading over many of the Psalms.

Doctrinal- what is this verse teaching or telling the individuals to which it was written to?

Devotional- Every verse can have an inspirational/devotional message to us! Like Ps73:17!
Another example of this would be Isaiah 35:1-2! Even Paul did this...Isa.52:7 & Rom.10:15...

#6. The first mention principle!

Examples...Serpent(Gen.3:1=Satan) Sinner(Gen.13:13) Love(Gen.22:2) Lamb(Gen.22:7)
Discernment(Gen.27:23)

#7. Exceptions to the rule!

But the exceptions ARE NOT the rule! Like “serpent”-Jn.3:14.

#8. Understand that God deals with man differently at different times!

We call these times “dispensations”. 1.Cor.9:17 & Eph.1:10,3:2 & Col.1:25. Think of the word “dispensary”. Its a place where things are given out. And in different times & ages God dealt with man Differently. (See chart on “Understanding the different dispensations in your Bible”)

#9. If it don't contradict Paul, then its for y'all!

Rom.11:13 & 1.Tim.2:7 & 2.Tim.1:11 & 1.Cor.11:1 & 2.Pet.3:15-16

"Understanding the different dispensations in your Bible"

A "dispensation" is the way in which God *Dispenses* his truth, his will & his plan in different times & to different people. For instance, what God told Adam & Eve to do is NOT what he told Moses. What he told Moses to do is NOT what he has told the Church. What he has told the Church to do is NOT what he will tell those in the tribulation.

INNOCENCE

Gen.1 - Gen.3

Gen.2:17 & 3:22

"No faith required"-Heb.11:1

No knowledge of sin, sorrow,
pain or death.

CONSCIENCE

Gen.3 - Ex.20

Abel-Moses

No scripture written as of yet

God told Noah "build an ark"
Told Abraham "Get thee out"
Spoke to Joseph by a Dream

THE LAW

Ex.20 - Lk.16:16

Moses - John the Baptist

The jew lived under the
curse of the law for 1500
years. Ex.24:3,7 & Gal.3:10

THE KINGDOM GOSPEL

Matt.3:1 - Acts 2

John The Baptist - Jesus

The King is present with
signs & wonders.

No understanding of death,
burial & resurrection during
Lords earthly ministry.

Lk.18:31-34

THE CHURCH

Acts 2 - 1Thess.4:13-17 &

Rev.4:1

We preach 1.Cor15:1-4
The Gospel of the grace of
God.

Eph.2:8-9

Rom.10:9-10

THE TRIBULATION

Rev.4:1 - Rev.19

Literal 7 year period of
God punishing the world
for rejecting his
son-2Thess.2:10
And to reconcile his people
the jew-Rom.12:25-27

THE MILLENNIUM

Rev.20 - Rev.21

Literal 1000 year period of
time in which Jesus Christ
will rule & reign on planet
earth from jeruselam.

This 1000 year period is the
overwhelming "theme" of the
Bible!