

How to Study the Bible

Part Six

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- The principles of correct interpretation of God's Word
 - The literal, historical, contextual, grammatical, synthetical, and practical principles
- The Historical Principle
 - View a passage in its historical and _____ setting.
 - A knowledge of Bible times and customs will greatly enhance your understanding of the Scriptures.
 - One helpful question to ask:
 - *"What would this passage have _____ to the people to whom it was originally given?"*
 - Example:
 - 1 Cor. 7:10-15: The proper understanding of the command to believers to maintain their marriages is aided by a historical understanding of the extremely _____ Corinthian culture.
- The Contextual Principle
 - Interpret a passage in the light of the _____ passages.
 - Context includes:
 - The rest of Scripture
 - The _____ as a whole
 - The chapter as a _____
 - The _____ immediately before and after
 - One example of interpreting out of context:
 - Matt. 16:18—the "rock" is not Peter but the _____ that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God.
 - Peter = a detached _____
 - Rock = mass of rock, cliff, ledge
 - "This rock" (immediate context) = Peter's confession of Christ in verse 16.
- The Grammatical Principle
 - Understand the _____, grammar, and syntax of the passage.
 - Applies to English as well as to the _____ languages.
 - Although most Bible truths can be _____ from studying God's Word in our own language, more in-depth Bible study will require some research in the original languages.
 - Study helps include:
 - Study Bibles, Parallel Bibles, _____ Bibles, Concordances, Commentaries
 - Reference works

- Bible _____, dictionaries, encyclopedias, surveys, _____, and background books
 - Computer _____
 - e-sword, Accordance, Logos, etc.
- The Synthetical Principle
 - Interpret one passage in the _____ of many others.
 - *“Let Scripture interpret Scripture.”*
 - Do not base essential doctrine on one _____ verse.
 - A common error of the cults and other false teachers
 - Example:
 - Coming back to Matt. 16:18:
 - Other Scripture clearly says the _____ is built on Christ.
 - Eph. 2:20: _____
 - 1 Cor. 3:11: _____
 - In Scripture, “rock” as a symbol = _____.
 - 1 Cor. 10:4: _____
 - Peter clearly says the church is built on Christ.
 - Acts 4:11-12: _____
 - 1 Pet. 2:4-8: _____
 - Two important associated principles:
 - Interpret obscure passages in the light of _____ passages.
 - Examples:
 - Mark 16:16—is water baptism necessary for _____ (Campbellite teaching)?
 - Col. 1:20—will _____ creature eventually be saved (universalism)?
 - Allow the New Testament to _____ the Old.
 - Allegories
 - Types