

How to Study the Bible

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Parts 36-38

We have studied the structure of the Scriptures utilizing the order of authority being:

1. The context of Scripture
2. Comparing Scripture with Scripture
3. Rightly dividing the Scriptures

We have utilized the timeline to show time periods, the changing of God's program through the ages, and where certain books fit.

You may not always know what a verse means, but you know where it fits.

We now begin to look at rules and principles that help us deal with the subjects of the Scriptures

3 golden keys to Bible understanding are to ask these 3 questions

1. Who is speaking?
2. To whom was it spoken?
3. When was it written?

5 rules to keep a correct view of Scripture

1. One part of the past is not to be read into another part of the past.

One must take into account the "The Progression of God's Program"

Matt 10:5 – Jews

Mark 16:15 – Every creature

John 12:32 – All men (after Christ's ascension)

Matt 16:21 "from that time forth"

The Messiah's death burial and resurrection on the cross had not been revealed

Peter went from believing to unbelieving in one statement

He refused to believe because he tried to combine Christ being the Messiah and Him dying together and could not process it.

2. The past is not to be read into the present

The Galatians problem – putting the law into grace

Rom 14:5-6

Wanting to keep the Sabbath

The earthly vs heavenly kingdoms

Luke 14:15

Rom 14:17

The gospel messages

The gospel of the kingdom vs the gospel of the grace of God

Covenants vs Mystery

Water baptism for repentance vs ordinance

Signs vs no signs

Water baptism vs Spirit baptism

Spirit baptism - the Holy Ghost being poured out vs being sealed by the Holy Spirit

3. Don't read the present into the past

There are things that are true today that were not true in the past

Eternal Security

Being placed into the body of Christ

Different salvation

Acts 3:19-20 – Future salvation

Rom 5:11 – Immediate, present salvation

Different mysteries

Eph 3:1-5 (Some say that the use of the word 'as' makes it progressive revelation instead of a new thing)

Rom 16:25 confirms the truth

Matt 13:11 shows different mysteries prior to Paul's mystery being revealed

The church the body of Christ should not be read into earlier churches that were not the same

4. The future is not to be read into the present

The tribulation period and its truths cannot be applied to the dispensation of grace

We are not in the Kingdom yet

5. Do not read part of the future into other parts of the future

Rapture vs Second Coming

I Thess 4:15- 5:10

I Thess 5: 1 ¶ But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

Judgment seat of Christ vs Great White Throne Judgment