

THE WORD OF GOD

POWER & PURPOSE



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OBSERVATION

WHAT DO YOU SEE?



GOD-BREATHED

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God
and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for
correction, and for training in righteousness,
17 that the man of God may be complete,
equipped for every good work.

WE OBSERVE SO WE CAN UNDERSTAND.

WE UNDERSTAND SO WE CAN SEE JESUS CLEARLY.

WE SEE CLEARLY, SO WE CAN RESPOND FAITHFULLY.

INTERPRETATION

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

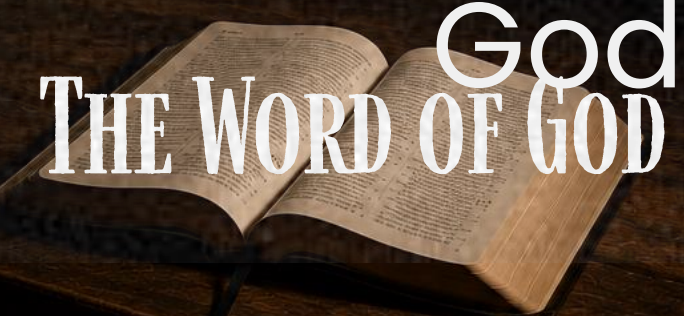


KEY PRINCIPLES OF INTERPRETATION

1. Understand the Context of the Passage
2. Seek to Discover the Author's Intended Meaning
3. Build cross reference support –
Let Scripture Interpret Scripture

JESUS' – HOLY SPRIT INSPIRED

2 Peter 1:19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, 20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.



John 14:26 –But the Helper, the Holy Spirit... will **teach** you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 16:13 –When the Spirit of truth comes, He will **guide** you into all the truth.

1 Corinthians 2:12 –We have received... the Spirit who is from God, that we might **understand** the things freely given us by God.

Ephesians 4:11 And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherd and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Acts 17:11 Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

INTERPRETATION QUESTIONS

ACTS 18: 24-28

STORY OF APOLLOS

& PRISCILLA AND AQUILA



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Acts 18:24 Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. 25 He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. 26 He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. 27 And when he wished to cross to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him. When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, 28 for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.

1. What does Luke mean when he says Apollos was: “eloquent” or “learned” man? – “competent in the Scriptures”? – “fervent in spirit”?
2. Why would someone who knew the Scriptures so well still need further instruction?
3. What is the difference between knowledge of Scripture and understanding Scripture?
4. What does Luke mean when he says Apollos “knew only the baptism of John”? What other parts of the Bible do you need to know?
5. What does Luke want readers to learn from Priscilla and Aquila’s approach?
6. What does this interaction teach about humility in learning and teaching Scripture?