



Biblical Truths We Must Adhere to

The subject of biblical administrations is key to understanding the bible. The enterprising biblical research student must also consider two additional and equally weighted truths.

A difficult verse must be understood in light of the clear verse. Time is not important. You may have to wait years for greater understanding.

The Interpretation and application must always be in respect of "to whom" addressed. For instance, if Israel is the addressee, then those verses apply to Israel.

(Psa 18:20 KJV) The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

We must understand to whom Psalms is addressed. During this particular administration, godly acceptance happened by how hard



the person worked to be accepted. See how important it is to get "to whom addressed" correct? Their spiritual walks were walks of works.

(Rom 12:3 KJV) For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

In the Church Epistles, every believer has been given the same measure of faith. This doctrine applies to Christians, not Israel. A Christian

falls under grace. Recognizing to whom verses are addressed removes all guess work.

(Gal 3:21 KJV) Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

The Law came to an end through Jesus Christ. Galatians is written to Christians. Notice the conflict addressed? People were required to change their doctrinal points of view due to the introduction of God's grace. Christians are made righteous in Christ Jesus, not through the Law.

The entirety of God's Word will interpret itself in the verse, in the context, or where it was used before. Keep in mind the few variations that I have provided.

(2 Pet 1:20 KJV)

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Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

Scripture isn't open to private interpretation. If you don't understand something, say so. God's Word interprets itself in the verse, in the context, or where it was used before. Application of these keys will allow you to become a successful biblical research student.

Would you like to manifest spiritual fruit? After having learned so many wonderful truths regarding the Word's interpretation, we should want to bring fruit into our lives. We are now moving into the subject of the battle that rages between the senses and the spiritual man. The new birth is central to this discussion. I would like to propose a fantastic concept.

The study of the new birth and the battle of the senses versus believing is the entire crux of Christianity.

If you don't come to understand this, God's Word will never fit for you. Very few church people have ever understood this. I cannot explain the new birth, but I can take you into God's Word

and allow it to explain this phenomena. Do you realize that you must be smarter than the subject matter in order to explain it? Well, explaining the new birth is no exception. I'd have to be smarter than God. Henry Ford could explain his automobile, but it couldn't explain Henry.

The Battle of the Senses

Natural man's learning abilities are limited to the five senses. His entire knowledge-base is introduced through the five senses. Further, his center of learning must be outside of himself. Truth requires a reference center, but that can never be the man seeking. Man can only learn from stimuli outside of himself.

The Law of Learning

Education transpires the same way for every person. Consider a baby. Without the five senses, and I have never heard of this, a child could never learn anything. A baby learns from things outside of itself. Mommy says, "Why, aren't you just the cutest thing." The father holds the baby, scared to death, and says, "My, you look just like

me." As the child grows up, it's friends become centers of learning. One day, he comes home and says a word that you normally wouldn't use, and you say, "Where did he learn that?" Throughout school, he receives information from centers of learning.

I can study various fields of knowledge and gain multiple viewpoints. I accept from these what I consider valid or truthful. Eventually, I begin to believe that so and so is really the right person to follow and I follow that person. I could become a Platonist or a Baptist or a Methodist, etc.

Your child might be taught that evolution is biblical. He attends college and hears more on subjects that contradict God's Word. At some point, this child will have to decide what to believe. Sadly, most follow the class. This is why a student becomes so confused. Many people are influenced by one or two teachers. Equally great professors say completely different things about the same subject. Even though the child is confused, he'll never admit it.

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How do we come up with different religions?

Once I decide what I really want to believe, I follow people with the same beliefs. I've determined my path because of my own conclusions. You've heard of trial and error? Worldly religions have been formed like this. One man formulated his beliefs, and others followed him. All learning comes from outside the person seeking. Most of us have had multiple learning centers and are sorely confused.

The Bible is our only source of truth

The Word of God is to be our only source of truth—our only rulebook of believing. We make it our 'truth' center. When we understand this law of learning, we also learn to avoid confusion. If God's Word is wrong, then I'm going to be wrong. But, I'm willing to go down with the ship. I could be wrong about everything I'm teaching, but I'm willing to accept that responsibility. If I am going to learn truth, I need a basis of truth. The Bible is truth.

The bible takes the place of the absent Christ

The bible provides the only truthful focal point and it takes the place of the absent Christ. Through God's Word, the gift of holy spirit introduces Christ in us. The bible teaches the truth of the creation, man's fall, man's destiny, man's redemption, man's dominion, man's power and authority over all of God's creation, the origin and purpose of Israel, the family of God, Jesus Christ, and everything he represents, the new heaven and earth, the gathering together, and the end times. The Bible delivers truth like no other, eternally the same yesterday, today, and forever. Senses man, if he's going to be complete, absolutely must adhere to God's Word. Without God's Word revealed, natural man will never be made complete.

Much Love in Christ.

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