

How to Read and Study Your Bible

Lesson 3 – September 25, 2011

Step 1: What **did** the text mean to the biblical audience?

Step 2: What are the differences between the biblical audience and us?

- a. culture
- b. language
- c. situation
- d. time
- e. covenant

Step 3: What is the theological principle in the text? What **does** the text mean?

... should be reflected in the text.

... should be timeless and not tied to a specific situation.

... should not be bound to one particular culture.

... should correspond to the teaching of the rest of Scripture.

... should be relevant to both the biblical audience and the contemporary audience.

Step 4: How should individual Christians **apply** the theological principle in their lives today?

Step 1: What did the text mean to the biblical audience?

Read seriously and observe the text. What does the text say?

Things to Look for in Sentences

1. Repetition of Words

1 John 2:15-17

2. Contrasts

Proverbs 14:31; 15:1; Romans 6:23

3. Comparison

Proverbs 25:26; Isaiah 40:31

4. Lists

1 John 2:16; Galatians 5:22-23; 5:19-20

5. Cause and Effect

Proverbs 15:1, Romans 6:23, Romans 12:2

6. Figures of Speech

Psalms 119:105, Isaiah 40:31

7. Conjunctions

Romans 6:23

8. Verbs

Ephesians 4:2-3 (Imperative)

Colossians 3:1 (Active and Passive)

9. Pronouns

Ephesians 1:3