

Hermeneutics - Chapter 14
General Principles of Interpretation - Rules 1-3 - Class Notes

Rule One: *Work from the assumption that the Bible is authoritative* (Pages 147-152)

Competing Sources of Authority

Tradition

Reason / Rationalism

The Bible is the final court of appeal

Authority has to do with the will, with obedience, and with doing

Inspiration concerns the intellect, understanding, and knowledge

Expressions of Biblical Authority

1. A person acts in an authoritative manner, and the passage explains whether the act is approved or disapproved. *Either immediate context or further revelation about it. Examples: Satan's lies; Nathan's initial approval corrected by God that night; The Jerusalem Council being cited by Paul in rebuking Peter*

2. A person acts in an authoritative manner and the passage does not indicate approval or disapproval.

3. *God or one of His representatives states the mind and will of God*

The Bible's Claims for Itself

A. It is _____ - *Psalm 19:7 - The Law of the Lord is Perfect*

B. It is _____ - *Prov. 30:6 - "Do not add to His words . . ." Revelation 22:18-19*

C. It is _____ - *2 Timothy 3:15 - 17 (15b . . . "wise unto salvation") (3:17b - "able to make the man of God perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Peter 1:3-4*

D. It is _____ - *Isaiah 1:2 - "Listen, O heavens and hear, O earth; for the Lord speaks"*

E. It is _____ - *John 8:47 - He who is of God hears the words of God' for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God" - You can tell a person's destiny by the way they relate to the Word of God.*

F. It is _____ - *Isaiah 55:11 - "So shall my word be which goes forth from My mouth; it is shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire; and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it." 2 Cor. 2:14-16 to those being saved, it is life. To those rejecting it, a fragrance of death.*

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Rule 2, 152-154

Rule Two: *The Bible interprets itself; Scripture best explains Scripture*

Scripture Twisting: Genesis 3:1-5

Omission:

Addition:

When you study the Bible, let it speak for itself. Neither add to it, nor subtract from it. Let the Bible be its own commentary. Compare Scripture with Scripture

Isaiah 7:14, cf Matthew 1:23

Topics: Assurance of salvation

Full study:

Context:

Cross reference:

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Rule 3, 155-157

Rule Three: *Saving faith and the Holy Spirit are necessary for us to understand and properly interpret the Scriptures*

Matthew 13:9 -

Matthew 13:13–16,

1 Corinthians 2:14–16,

Example of raising of Lazarus: John 11:45-47

Though being a Christian is no guarantee that you will accurately interpret every passage in the Bible, it is foundational for properly understanding spiritual truth (pg 157)