

# Hermeneutics

## SEMINAR

LEARN HOW TO ACCURATELY INTERPRET SCRIPTURE

With Teaching from Pastor Charles Heck

# Why Do Christians Need Good Hermeneutics?

Session 2



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- Psalm 119:34 – *“Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.”*
- Illumination happens when God works in us to help us believe and understand (John 15-16).
- Illumination not for the non-Christian

# Charles Spurgeon, On the Ministry of Illumination to Us

“We would be abler teachers of others, and less liable to be carried about by every wind of doctrine, if we sought to have a more intelligent understanding of the Word of God. As the Holy Spirit, the Author of the Scriptures, alone can enlighten us rightly to understand them, we should constantly ...





# Charles Spurgeon, On the Ministry of Illumination to Us

“... ask His teaching and His guidance unto all truth. When the prophet Daniel sought to interpret Nebuchadnezzar's dream, what did he do? He set himself to earnest prayer that God would open up the vision. Therefore, if, your own and others' profiting, you desire to be ‘filled with the ...’”



# Charles Spurgeon, On the Ministry of Illumination to Us

“,, knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding,’ remember that prayer is your best means of study. Like Daniel, you shall understand the dream, and its interpretation, when you have sought God. You may force your way through many barriers to understanding with the ...”





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“... leverage of prayer. Thoughts and reasonings are like the steel wedges which give a hold on truth, but prayer is the lever which forces open the treasure hidden within.”



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- Acts 8:26-40, Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch
- Good interpretation might help you lead someone to Christ!



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# The Bible Study Process

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- 3 Steps
  1. Observation = What do I see?
  2. Interpretation = What does it mean?
  3. Application = Why does it matter?

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Example: snake handling in Mark 16:18?



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Example: tongues in  
I Corinthians 12-14?

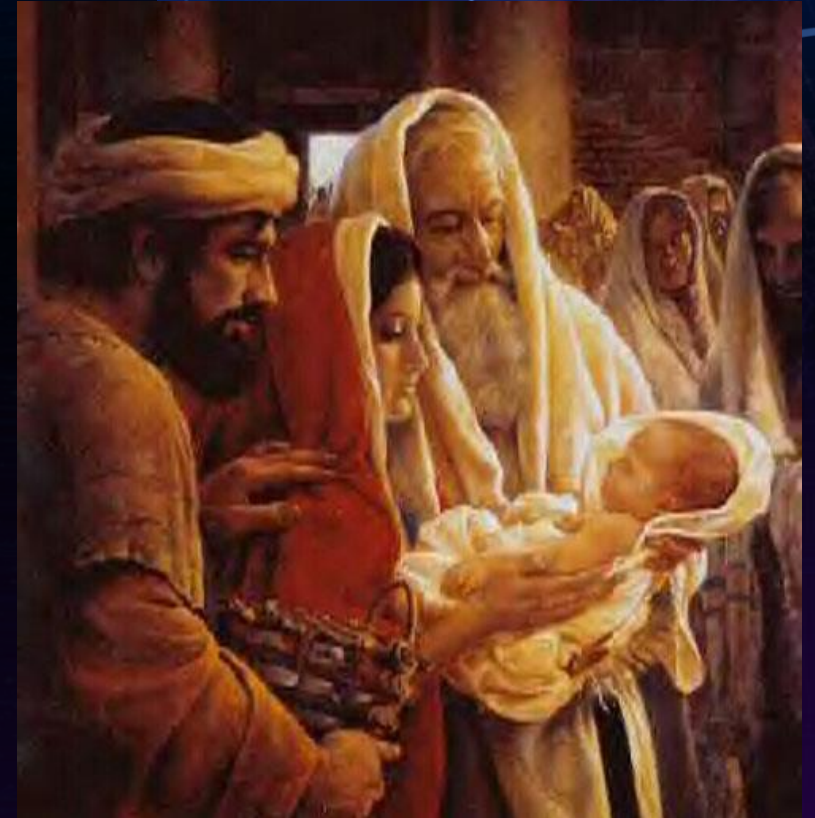




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Example: Jesus created in  
Colossians 1:15?





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Example: traffic jams in Nahum 2:4?





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Example: women preachers in  
I Corinthians 11:5; 14:34-35 and  
I Timothy 2:12?



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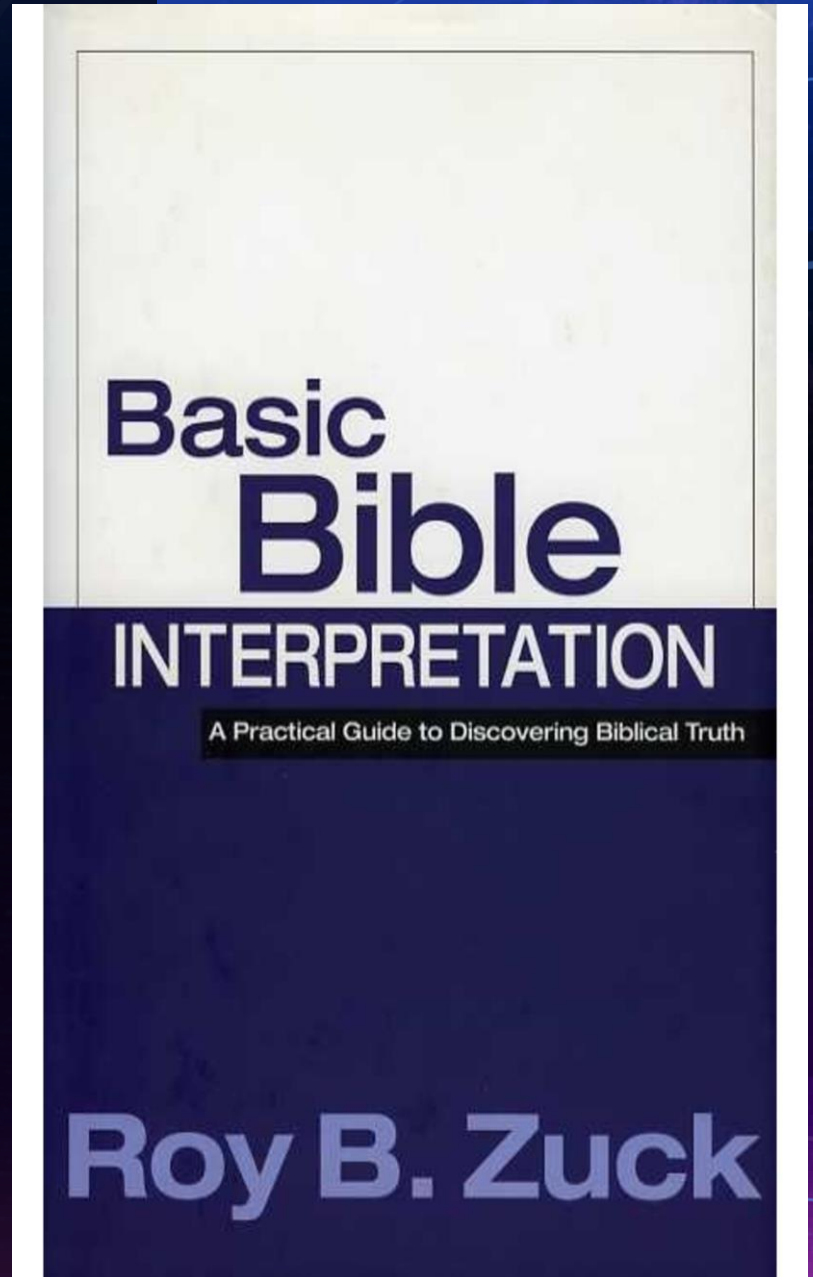
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# On Going Beyond Observation

“In observing what the Bible says, you probe; in interpretation, you mull. Observation is discovery; interpreting is digesting. Observation means depicting what is there, and interpretation is deciding what it means. The one is to explore, the other is to explain”



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- To understand the Bible properly
- To go beyond observation
- To apply the Word properly



# The Goal of Hermeneutics

“Our object should not be to have Scripture on our side but to be on the side of Scripture; and however dear any sentiment may have become by being long entertained, so soon as it is seen to be contrary to the Bible, we must be prepared to abandon it without hesitation.”

