**Family Bible Church Kingman**

**The Doctrine of Hermeneutics**

**(The Science of Biblical Interpretation)**

**September 19, 2021**

**8:30 AM**

**Adult Sunday School Class**

**Family Life Center Classroom**

**Topic: Hermeneutics: (The Science of Biblical Interpretation)**

**Lesson Title: “Sola Scriptura” – The Scriptures Alone**

**Outline:**

**1. What do we believe about the Bible? God’s Holy Word?**

* **We believe it is Inspired: Inerrancy. (Read Rienow, “Limited Church; Unlimited Kingdom” p.21-23)**

**2 Timothy 3:14,15 14**But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them,* **15**and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

**2 Timothy 3:16,17 16**All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Timothy%203:16-17&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29870a)]instruction in righteousness, **17**that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

* **Draw the illustration on the White Board:**
* **We believe it is Sufficient: Sufficiency. (Read Rienow, “Limited Church; Unlimited Kingdom”, p.18,19)**

**Romans 10:17 17**So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**Hebrews 4:12 12**For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**2. What is the Doctrine of Hermeneutics?**

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1. the branch of knowledge that deals with interpretation, especially of the Bible or literary texts.

**3. What is the Purpose of the Word of God in the Old and New Testament Scriptures?**

* **We are exhorted six times in the New Testament to “Search the Scriptures” – WHY? To what end?**
* **John 5:39**
* **John 7:52**
* **Romans 8:27**
* **I Corinthians 2:10**
* **I Peter 1:11**
* **Revelation 2:23**

**4. Why is the Word of God so Hard to Understand? True or False**

**2 Peter 3:15-16 15**and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, **16**as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are **some things hard to understand**, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures.

* **Perspicuity:** The quality of being clear to the mind, or easily apprehended or understood; clearness to mental vision; freedom from obscurity or ambiguity; that quality of writing or language which readily presents to the mind of another the precise ideas of the author; clearness.
* **The Word of God affirms its own clarity: Deuteronomy 6:6,7 6**“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. **7**You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

# Psalm 19:7-14 7The law of the Lord *is* perfect, [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+19%3A7-14&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-14176a)]converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord *is* sure, making wise the simple; 8The statutes of the Lord *are* right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord *is* pure, enlightening the eyes; 9The fear of the Lord *is* clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord *are* true *and* righteous altogether. 10More to be desired *are they* than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+19%3A7-14&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-14179b)]honeycomb. 11Moreover by them Your servant is warned, *And* in keeping them *there is* great reward.

# 12Who can understand *his* errors? Cleanse me from secret *faults.* 13Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous *sins;* Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of [[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+19%3A7-14&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-14182c)]great transgression.

# 14Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my [[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+19%3A7-14&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-14183d)]strength and my Redeemer.

* **The Word of God opens itself up to Regenerate Believers through the illuminating work of the Holy Spirit: THE DOCTRINE OF ILLUMINATION.**

**2 Peter 1:20,21 20**knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Peter+1%3A20&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30500a)]interpretation, **21**for prophecy never came by the will of man, but [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Peter+1%3A21&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30501a)]holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

**Psalm 18:28**

**Psalm 119:11,18,73,98,99**

**John 14:26**

**John 16:12-15**

**Romans 8:14-16**

**I Corinthians 2:10-13**

**Ephesians 1:17,18**

* **The Word of God is best understood in the context of the church body. (See I Corinthians 1:2; Galatians 1:2; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 4:16) Some other relevant passages: John 20:30-31; 2 Corinthians 1:13; Ephesians 3:4; I Timothy 4:13; James 1:1, 22-25; I Peter 1:1; 2:2; 2 Peter 1:19; I John 5:13**
* **The Word of God is often misunderstood and wrongly interpreted: (See Matthew 12:3-5; 19:14; 21:42; 22:29,31) Why do you think it may be wrongly interpreted? What is the motive?**
* **The Word of God often needs learned men and women to rightly divide the Scriptures: I Corinthians 2:14 14**But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them,* because they are spiritually discerned. (See also: 1 Cor. 1:18-3:4; 2 Cor. 3:14-16; 4:3-6; Hebrews 5:14; James 1:5-6; 2 Peter 3:5 cf. Mark 4:11-12; John 7:17; 8:43)
* **The Word, “Divide means to cut it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”**

**5. How do you study the Bible?**

* **Hermeneutics: (hermeneuo – to interpret) Exegesis – the process of interpretation.**
* **We believe in the 1.) VERBAL, 2.) PLENARY, 3.) HISTORICAL, 4.) GRAMMATICAL, 5.) CULTURAL interpretation of the Scriptures. Comparing spiritual with spiritual. Using the Word to interpret the Word.**
* **Observation: What Does the Passage Say?**

**1.) Context Rules.**

**2.) Getting the Big Picture.**

**3.) Focusing on the details.**

* **Interpretation: What Does the Passage Mean?**

**1.) The search for meaning.**

**2.) Using the original languages.**

**3.) Scripture must interpret Scripture.**

**4.) The plain sense is the common sense.**

**5.) The literal method of interpretation.**

**6.) The allegorical method of interpretation. (See Kay Arthur, “How to Study Your Bible” pages 95-101)**

* **Application: What Does the Passage Mean to Me?**

**1.) No private interpretation. (2 Peter 1:20,21)**

**2.) When the application becomes the interpretation: Beware.**

**3.) SOBER WARNINGS REGARDING THE SACRED WRITINGS OF GOD’S HOLY WORD:**

**Galatians 1:8,9 8**But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+1%3A8-9&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29066a)]accursed. **9**As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

**Revelation 22:18-19 18**[For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, []God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; **19**and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the ]Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.