

Understanding Scripture – Notes

Suggestions to help understand scripture:

“A Bible that is falling apart is usually owned by someone who is not.” Unknown author

- Observation: What does it say?
- Interpretation: What does it mean?
- Correlation: What do other verses say to explain it?
- Application: What am I going to do about it?
- Things to look for in a verse:
 - Is there a sin to confess?
 - Is there a promise to claim?
 - Is there an attitude to change?
 - Is there a command to obey?
 - Is there a prayer to pray?
 - Is there an error to avoid?
 - Is there a truth to believe?
 - Is there something to praise God for?

Psalm 119:18 – “Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.”

2 Timothy 3:16 – “All scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

Suggested Bible Study Tools

- A good study Bible
 - Suggestions: The Life Application Study Bible, The MacArthur Study Bible
- A study Bible has the verse by verse explanations on the same page
- A good reference Bible
 - Suggestions: The Scofield Reference Study Bible, The Thompson Chain Reference Bible
- A reference Bible has the scripture chain listed so you can follow an idea or point from its 1st appearance to its last in the Bible
- A good commentary
 - Suggestion: Matthew Henry Commentary
- An Exhaustive Concordance
 - Suggestion: Strong's Exhaustive Concordance