

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

ORIGINAL/ANCIENT CONTEXT	OUR CONTEXT
Author	Reader
Culture, place in history	Our culture, place in history
Place	
Language (words)	Our language/translation (words)
Objective	(Subjective)—Be objective
Writer/Speaker	Interpreter/Hear, internalize
Israel	Christians

Humility (James 4:6,10)

Set aside your preconceived ideas/One viewpoint will blind you to truths/It may tell you something different than you believe

Ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom. Ask Him to help you if you're confused. (James 1:5-6)

Ask questions

Be honest

Be open

Listen

Be thorough

Be thoughtful

Test the scriptures, put them against other scriptures (Acts 17:11, 1 Thess 5:21)

Seek God/Be faithful to God (Jer 29:13, Matt 6:33)

Get your foundation squared away

The Bible vs. tradition

Study Tools: Blue Letter Bible, E-Sword

THERE IS A CONTRAST BETWEEN THE BIBLE AND TRADITION:

The Bible-ONE WORD	TRADITION
Jesus-ONE MESSIAH (THE MESSIAH)	Religious leaders
God's instruction/law-ONE LAW/TORAH (Israel and Gentiles)	One law for Israel, and another law for the Gentiles (Man's dogmas, human teaching, Jesus came to give a new law to the Gentiles)
God's Kingdom-ONE KINGDOM (THE KINGDOM)	Man's/Satan's kingdom
God's calendar-ONE CALENDAR (Hebrew)	Man's calendar/pagan calendar

THESE ARE THE FOUNDATIONS OF GOD, HIS WORD, AND HIS PEOPLE:

God is love. He knows what's best for us.
God is GOOD. He is a God of justice/wrath & mercy/grace.
The underlying principle of God's Word and Torah is LOVE, and He gives us His Torah (instructions) for our good, to protect us so we won't die.
God is a God of covenants and promises.
God's Law is TRUTH, it is GOOD, and it's THE Law of His eternal Kingdom, His way of life, and is divine, perfect.
The Word/Law of God doesn't change. It is eternal.
The New Testament is rooted and grounded in the Hebrew Bible (the OT).
God defines what is acceptable, holy, and righteous, not man.
God doesn't change and His Word doesn't change.
God's Law is His Word. It can't be separated from His Word.
Yeshua (Jesus) is the Word of God made flesh and He kept God's Law perfectly.
Sin is breaking God's Law (Torah, instructions). The Law is instructions in Righteousness and it is God's Royal Law.
God has a true people/a remnant (holy, righteous, keeping His commandments)

If there's something you don't understand, keep seeking. Study it out.

Stay in the Word. Try not to read other people's opinions of what a verse says. I don't recommend commentaries.

Be a Berean!

