

Deal Pentecostal Church Bible Studies 2023

The Bible is unlike any other book because the very words were breathed (inspired) by God and they still contain God's breath (His life) and they are our spiritual food: *God has breathed life into all of Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right. By using Scripture, the servant of God can be completely prepared to do every good thing.*^{2Tim.3:16} Life is spiritual. Your physical existence doesn't contribute to that life. The words that I have spoken to you are spiritual. They are life.^{Jn.6:63} Jesus answered, 'It is written: Man doesn't live only on bread. He also lives on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'^{1Matt.4:4} But remember the difference between **exegesis** and **eisogesis**. Exegesis is the process of getting "out" ('ex') of the text what is truly there in the first place. The opposite to **exegesis** is **eisegesis** which is the process of putting "into" ('eis') the text something that wasn't intended by the author and is almost a "blank cheque" for you to make the Bible say whatever you want!

To do **exegesis**, the correct principles of Bible interpretation (hermeneutics) need to be understood. **The first principle is context.** Always read the entire passage/chapter/book before preaching from a single verse. **The second principle is consistency.** Never interpret a text so that your interpretation contradicts the overall message of Scripture.

Base your answers on clear New Testament teaching (it's alright to use OT references to illustrate NT doctrine, but don't base your doctrine only on OT verses). Don't be afraid of using other references studies besides the Bible—even Paul did that: *When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.*^{2Tim.4:13} But just be careful that you don't get side-tracked from the main purpose of the Bible—which is to explain God's plan of salvation to mankind through Jesus Christ, His Son and our Saviour!

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Why don't Christians keep the 7th day of the week as a Sabbath?

What is the importance of the 1st day of the week for Christians?

What is the ministry of the Holy Spirit?

In what way is the ministry of the Holy Spirit different today than under the Old Covenant?

How does the Holy Spirit speak to us?

What should we do if we haven't God speak to us?

Father, may we clearly know Your will and achieve the height and depth of spiritual wisdom and understanding. May our lives be a credit to You, Lord; and what's more, may we continue to delight You by doing every good work and growing in the true knowledge that comes from being close to You. Strengthen us with Your infinite power, according to Your glorious might, so that we will have everything we need to hold on and endure hardship patiently and joyfully. Thank You, Father, as You have made us eligible to receive our portion of the inheritance given to all those set apart by the light. You have rescued us from dark powers and brought us safely into the kingdom of Your Son, whom You love and in whom we are redeemed and forgiven of our sins through His blood.
[Colossians 1:9-14 The Voice]