

## Deal Pentecostal Church Bible Studies 2026

### Scripture is the wisdom of God by which I can order my daily life.

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*]

*God is Spirit and He reveals Himself to spirit and He can reveal Himself to our spirit through the Word. For instance, we hear someone read the Word of God. The thing that is read is weighed and measured by our intellect but in some way which is inexplicable to reason, it affects our spirit. It answers a need. Listening to the Word God changes our spirit.* E.W.Kenyon

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### Introduction

The Bible is unlike any other book because the very words were breathed (inspired) by God. *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.<sup>2Tim.3:16</sup> The words in the Bible still contain God's breath (His life) and they are our spiritual food: *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.*<sup>Jn.6:63</sup> 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.*<sup>Matt.4:4</sup> And so it is important for us to study the Bible. *Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarrelling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.*<sup>2Tim.2:14-15</sup> However, we should be careful to only take out of the Bible what is there and not add anything to the Bible: *Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.*<sup>Deut.4:2</sup> I am warning everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book. If you add anything to them, God will add to you the plagues told about in this book. If you take any words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from you your share in the tree of life. He will also take away your place in the Holy City. This book tells about these things.<sup>Rev.22:18-19</sup>

**Exegesis and Eisegesis.** Exegesis is the process of getting "out" ('ex') of the text what is truly there in the first place. The opposite of **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 extracting the meaning of a verse.

**The second principle is consistency:** Never interpret a text in a way that contradicts the overall message of Scripture.

Don't be afraid of using other reference 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.*<sup>2Tim.4:13</sup> But be careful not to 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!**



**Teleology**—the universe viewed as the realisation of God and His eternal purpose—how God has designed the way we should live

**God's purpose for our life** (God's mission for us)

To see God's view of the world

To live within God's moral boundaries for us

To be God's stewards

*Pour out all your worries and stress upon him and leave them there, for he always tenderly cares for you.*<sup>[TPT]</sup> *God loves you, and he is looking after you, so tell him about everything that makes you sad, or angry, or worried, and trust him to look after you properly.*<sup>[PEV]</sup> <sup>1Pet.5:7</sup>

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### The heart of God opens itself to us in God's Word.

I do not treasure God's promise in my understanding but in my heart. It is not to be analysed by my intellect, but to be pondered in my heart. Therefore, it is never sufficient simply to have read God's Word. It must penetrate deep within us, dwell in us, like the Holy of Holies in the Sanctuary, so that we do not sin in thought, word, or deed. *Dietrich Bonhoeffer*



Scripture can be more than the rule of faith—it can also be the source of meaning which inspires all our willing, planning, acting and serving in the world. Scripture's history, personalities, stories, prophets, precepts, wisdom and challenges can all become a source of inspiration when we apply them to our life's circumstances. In order for this to occur, we need to make time to reflect on our life's circumstances as well as Scripture, and then bring the two into careful dialogue.

We must prayerfully and carefully read the Scriptures—not just for information but to let God's Word mold our conscious and subconscious thoughts so that we begin to think like God.

It is easy to turn time with Scripture into a game of "*Twenty Questions*": how to have a happy relationship, learn financial faithfulness, or whatever. A sharp line can be drawn between utilitarian approaches that treat the Bible as a how-to manual or a database for addressing my questions, and the formation of Scripture-shaped minds that understand God and God's creation through Scripture-shaped lenses. **The latter requires patient, deliberate reading—reading, as it were, for no good reason but for the sake of having our dispositions and reflexes shaped by Scripture.**

#### Lk.9:44

Let these words sink into your ears NRSV

Let these words sink into your ears: ESV

Mark these words diligently: Geneva

Take these words to heart, NET

Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: NIV

Listen to me and remember what I say. NLTse

Treasure and ponder each of these next words: TM

### The Spiritual Benefit of Studying Scripture

*I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Thy testimonies are my meditation. Ps. 119:99*

The study of God-breathed Scripture is the main way of discovering how to live. In Scripture, we find teaching on how to be good, and the examples of how blessed men actually lived. These examples are given in writing, like living and breathing images of a godly life, that we may follow their good works. Thus, in whatever way each individual feels he is lacking, he may commit himself to this imitation, finding the right treatment for his malady as from some medicine chest. Whoever wishes to make himself complete in all the branches of moral excellence, he should keep his eyes trained on the lives of God's holy people in Scripture, as if they were living and moving icons, and thus absorb their virtue into himself by imitation. **Basil of Caesarea (330-79)**

We forgive people since we have been forgiven, and because the penalty of their actions against us have been fully paid for in Jesus Christ. Far be it from us, to expect an additional punishment on them, above the one already inflicted upon them, in Christ as their substitute. May it never be that we declare Christ's suffering insufficient grounds for us to fully forgive them, and in so doing, condemn ourselves in that act of ungrateful unbelief. It is out of our honour and appreciation of Jesus Christ, and what he did for us, that we release people from the obligation to repay us, understanding that the penalty of their violation against us has been discharged by Christ himself. To doubt that is to doubt that we ourselves have been paid for. *Mike Petzer - Complete Redemption*

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**Psalm 15**

*Video:*

**Questions**