

# LEARNING FROM ALL SCRIPTURE

## HOW TO USE ALL SCRIPTURE

“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. “

- Romans 15:4

### 1. Some Scripture is more Profitable than Others

- a. All scripture is profitable - 2 Tim 3:16, Josh 1:8, Psa 119:105
- b. Some more than others: some is just not very useful – 1 Chron 1:2, Exo 31:1-5
- c. We understand the importance of further revelation – 2 Tim 2:15, 1 Cor 15:8
- d. We learn from all of scripture, how? - Rom 15:4, 1 Cor 10:11, 9:10

### 2. Mystery and Prophecy

- a. The Mystery revelation does not negate Prophecy Rom 3:31, 9:6, 11:25, 1 Thess 5:2
- b. The Mystery does not contend with Prophecy – Eph 1:10, Gal 26-9, Rom 3:21
- c. The Mystery must remain separate from Prophecy – 1 Cor 3:10, Titus 1:2-3
- d. There is more to learn from your Bible than what is on a dispensational chart.

### 3. Historical (Factual) - The reality of the events, people, and things in the passage.

- a. Good for: God’s power, Bible belief, incarnation, prophecy, definitions
- b. Not good for: Bible trivia, textual criticism, skepticism
- c. Requires: Bible Belief – Faith in a book as your authority
- d. Examples: Adam and Eve, not fables - Gen 1, Mat 19:4, Rom 5:12
- e. There are facts here that need to be gleaned - Prov 8:22-31, Eze 37, Zeph 1:14-15

### 4. Spiritual (Godliness) - The timeless virtue in a passage

- a. Good for: God’s character (godliness), virtue, good behavior, holiness, righteous living
- b. Not good for: Allegorical, spiritualizing, corrupt manners
- c. Requires: Belief in the holy God; personal integrity; righteousness; submission to God
- d. Examples: Mat 4:4, Deut 8:2-3, Psa 118, 119:162
- e. This causes problems when doctrinal passages are spiritualized – Psalm 23, Mat 6:9, Heb 3-4

### 5. Doctrinal (Contextual) - Dispensational instruction according to God's will

- a. Good for: Learning God's will, salvation, God's intervention, prayer
- b. Not good for: Religiosity, man's tradition, proof texting
- c. Requires: Belief in the gospel (which gospel?), right division; separation
- d. Examples: Healing (Mat 10:7-8 vs. 1 Cor 4:9), Eph 3, 1 Tim 4:1-4
- e. This is where people break their neck – 1 Tim 1:7-11, 1 Tim 5:8 vs Luke 18:22
- f. In order to do God’s will we must discern sound doctrine, and teach no other – 1 Tim 1:3