

Bible – Interpretation

Question: Does God ever try to trick you with the Bible? **NO!!!**

Heb 6:18 -- "... it is impossible For God to lie, ... have strong encouragement..."

Golden Rule: If the plain sense makes good sense, seek no other sense, lest you make nonsense!

– in other words –

Always go with the _____ meaning unless _____.

simple	plain
straightforward	direct
ordinary	normal
obvious	natural

there is a very good reason not to do so

What are the principles of interpretation?

- Hermeneutics -- principles of interpretation
 - We believe in a literal, historical, grammatical
- Basic unit of scripture -- the **book** of the Bible
- Types of literature -- historical, poetic, prophetic, proverbial
- Use the context (i.e., the book, surrounding passages, etc.)
- Recognize important divisions in the Bible
 - OT, NT, different books, time periods, etc.
- Recognize the progress of revelation (Rom 16:25-26)
- Pray, meditate, be humble, submit to the scripture

Any bad examples?

Mt 27:5 + Lk 10:37 + Jn 13:27

"Judas went out and hung himself ... go thou and do likewise ... what you do, do it quickly"

The Deity and Humanity of Christ

The Deity of Christ

1. What He said.
 - *John 5:18; John 10:30; Matthew 26:63-64*
2. What He does.
 - *He does things that only God can do*
 - *Mk 2:9; Jn 5:27; Jn 15:26; Jn 5:25; Col 1:16; Heb 1:3; Acts 17:31*
3. What He is like.
 - *Mt 28:18 -- All authority given to Him*
 - *Mk 2:8 -- knew what they were thinking*
 - *Jn 1:47 -- omniscient*
 - *Mt 18:20 -- omnipresent*
4. What others say.
 - *Mt 14:33; Heb 1:6; Col 2:9; Heb 1:8; Mt 22:41-45; Rev 19:16*

The Humanity of Christ

1. He had a human body.
 - *Mt 4:2 -- hunger*
 - *Jn 19:28 -- thirst*
 - *Jn 4:6; Mt 8:24 -- weariness*
2. He had a human soul and spirit.
 - *Mt 26:38 -- soul*
 - *Lk 23:46 -- spirit*
3. He had human characteristics.
 - *Mk 10:21; Jn 11:3 -- love*
 - *Mk 3:5 -- anger*
 - *Jn 11:33-35 -- sorrow*
4. He was called a man
 - *1 Ti 2:5*

The Hypostatic Union — The Union of God and Man

Two Natures One Person

Undiminished Deity

- *Called God*
- *Divine Attributes*
- *Works of God*
- *Equality with God*

Perfect Humanity

- *True body*
- *Soul and Spirit*
- *Human Titles*
- *Called a man*

Indivisible

The Deity and Personality of the Holy Spirit

The Deity (“God-ness”) of the Holy Spirit

1. He is named in association with God.
 - *Acts 16:7 - “The Spirit of Jesus”*
 - *1 Cor 6:11 - “The Spirit of our God”*

2. He is spoken of in equality with God.
 - *Lying to the Spirit = lying to God (Acts 5:3-4)*

3. He has the attributes of God.
 - *Omniscience - Is. 40:13; 1 Cor 2:12*
 - *Omnipresence - Ps 139:7*
 - *Omnipotence - Job 33:4; Ps 104:30 (He is involved in the work in creation, implying omnipotence)*

The “Personality” of the Holy Spirit

1. He has the characteristics of a “person.”
 - *Intellect - 1 Cor 2:11*
 - *Sensibility - Eph 4:30*
 - *Will - 1 Cor 12:11*

2. He relates to others as a “person.”
 - *He is one to be obeyed - Acts 10:19-21*
 - *He can be lied to - Acts 5:3*
 - *He can be resisted - Acts 7:51*
 - *He can be grieved - Eph 4:30*
 - *He can be blasphemed - Mt 12:31*
 - *He can be insulted - Heb 10:29*
 - *Distinct personality to the apostles - Acts 15:28*

3. The Bible calls the Holy Spirit a “He” rather than an “it.”
 - *Jn 16:13-14 - “He”*
 - *Eph 1:14 - masculine pronoun “by whom” (singular masculine dative)*

Angels, Demons, and Satan

Angels

1. What are they?
2. What are they like?

3. What do they do?

Demons

4. What are they?
5. What are they like?

6. What do they do?

Satan

7. What is he?
8. What is he like?

9. What does he do?

How does God...

10. How does God judge Satan and demons?

11. How does God help us?

Mankind

The Relationship of God and Man

"Let Us make man in Our image." -- Gen 1:26

1. Anthropology vs Biblical anthropology

- Without the Bible, unbelievers do not know what questions to ask, much less how to find the answers.
- The Bible shows us who we are and what the purpose of creation and life is.

2. The creation of man

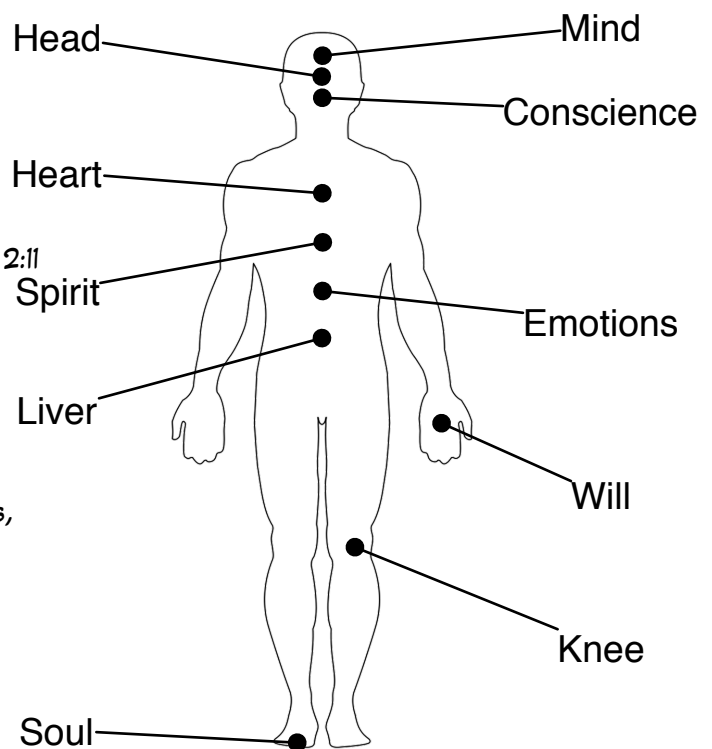
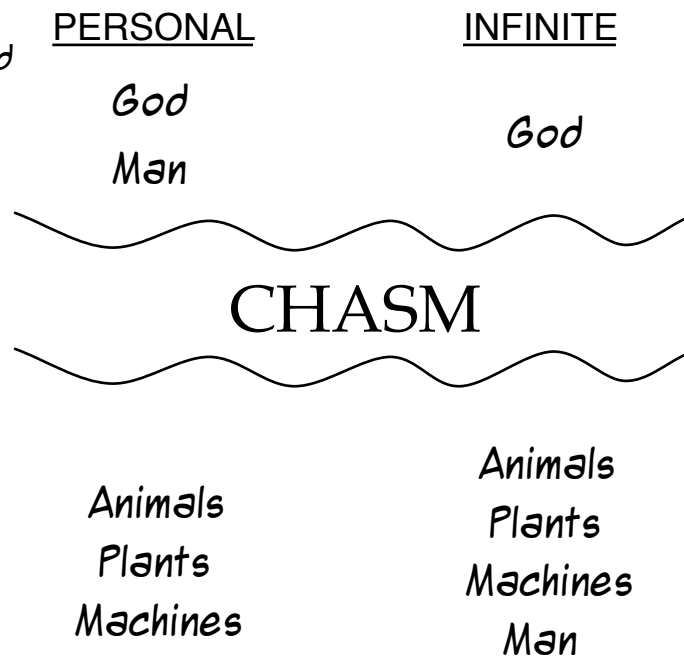
- That we are created beings is of utmost importance in understanding mankind.
- Ex 20:11; 31:17; 1 Chron 1:1; Job 38:4-7; Matt 19:4-5; 1 Cor 11:7-8
- If Genesis is untrustworthy, might as well throw out the rest!
- ▼ Appearance of History -- Creation "appeared" old
 - Ref. Jesus' miracles: wine+food (appeared to have been grown/harvested, etc.)
 - Trees, plants, animals, man were created large, fully-grown

3. Man's spirit

- can magnify the Lord -- Lk 1:46-47
- Can partake of corruption -- 2 Cor 7:1
- ▼ Seems more like a will: having to do with actions
 - Live in the spirit -- 1 Pet 4:6
 - A gentle and quiet spirit -- 1 Pet 3:4, Phil 4:15
- All men, including the unsaved, have a spirit -- 1 Cor 2:11

4. Man's soul

- Love God with the soul -- Mt 22:37
- Flesh wars against the soul -- 1 Pet 2:11
- ▼ Similar to emotion: having to do with contentedness, enjoyment, desire
 - "My soul exalts the Lord" -- Lk 1:46
 - "My soul has become troubled" -- Jn 12:27



The components of mankind.

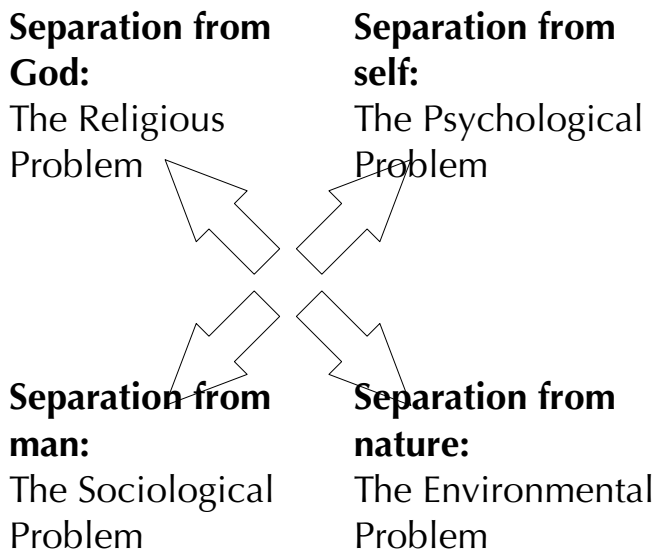
Sin

The Temptation

What was Satan's lie?



Death = Separation



Types of Sin

	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Results</u>	<u>Remedy</u>
Personal Sin	Sin done by an individual (Eph 2:1-3)	Loss of fellowship	Forgiveness, justification
Sin Nature	Capacity to sin (Eph 2:3; Ps 51:5)	Total depravity, spiritual death	New nature, Holy Spirit
Imputed Sin	Man's participation in Adam's act (Rom 5:12)	Physical death	Imputed righteousness, resurrection
Sin of Christian	Sin done by a Christian (1 Jn 1:8-9)	Loss of fellowship, discipline, death	Confession

Salvation

Substitution

Definition:

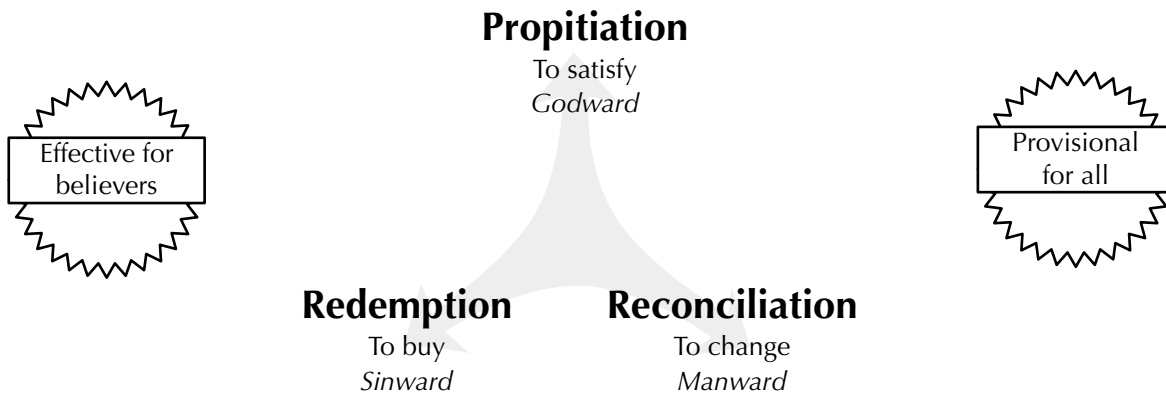
Substitution in the Old Testament

Greek *anti* (ἀντί, 'in the place of')

Greek *huper* (ὑπὲρ, 'for the benefit of', 'in the place of')



The Finished Work of Christ



Eternal Security

The problem:

Reasons for security:



The Church

What does the word “church” mean?

Two meanings:

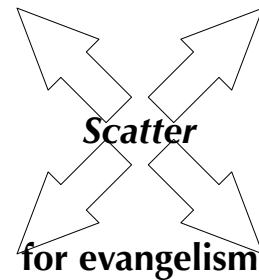
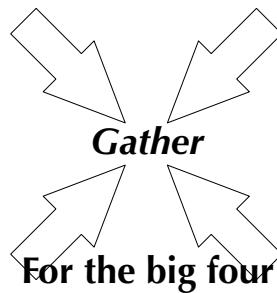
1. All believers ever: the body of Christ
2. Some believers: a local gathering

What do churches do?

Acts 2:42
The “Big Four”

1. Teaching
2. Fellowship
3. Worship
4. Prayer

The New Testament pattern



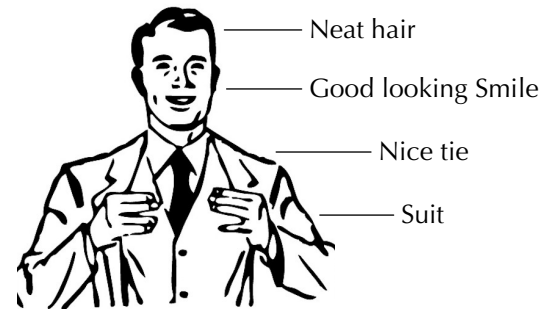
Leadership of the local church

Elders—what do they do?

1. Rule well
2. Teach & guard the truth
3. Supervise financial matters

Requirement for elders?

1 Timothy 3; Titus 1



Ordinances—things Jesus asked us to do

The Lord’s Supper: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Baptism: Matthew 28:19



The Last Things to Happen

1. The Rapture (*Jn 14:1-3; 1 Co 15:51-57; 1 Th 4:13-18*)

What is it? *Believers in Christ will be taken from the Earth to be with the Lord forever*

When is it? *Believers are not appointed to wrath (1 Th 5:9) We are the restrainer taken out of the way prior to the tribulation (2 Thes 2:7)*

2. The Tribulation (*Mt 24:21, Rev 6-17*)

What is it? *Called "The great day of his wrath" (Rev 6:17) Begins when man of sin signs treaty w/ Jews (Dan 9:27) -- three series of judgements in Rev 6, 8-9, 16. Worldwide persecution, judgement; men will know/act like the end is near (Rev 6:16) War, famine, death, martyrdom, water supply, more deaths, demons, pain & sores, widespread havoc and destruction. Principle enemy: Man of sin/lawlessness, antichrist, beast and false prophet. Why? Every knee shall bow -- Is 45:23, Rom 14:11; Ph 2:10*

How long is it? *Called a "seven" (years) in Daniel (Dan 9:24-27). Ends when man of sin (2Th2:3) is defeated by Christ and His army from heaven (Rev 19:11-21)*

3. The Millennium (*Rev 20*)

What is it? *Fulfillment of Abrahamic and Davidic covenants. 1,000 years. Ruled directly by Christ from Jerusalem. Resurrected saints helping. People surviving tribulation will enter it and repopulate the Earth.*

What happens after that? *Satan will be loosed, defeated, and eternity will begin after the great white throne judgement*

4. Hell *Unsaved.
Second death -- resurrection to death
Great white throne at end of millennium (Rev 20:11 f.)*

5. Heaven *All believers.
First resurrection -- resurrection to life
Some at rapture, rest at beginning of millennium.
Rev 21 f. See also Rev 4-5.*