

DEALING WITH BIBLE DIFFICULTIES

Have you ever been _____?

1. The BOOK WE LOVE

- It is a Book like _____.
 - _____ is the Author.
 - It is given by divine _____ (2 Tim 3:16)
 - God used _____ (2 Pet 1:21)
 - Because God is the Author
 - It is _____ . (1 Jn 1:5; Jn 17:17)
 - Thus, we affirm that it is
 - _____ - it _____ err.
 - _____ - it _____ err.

How can a man know God?

➤ God has revealed Himself to mankind in the _____ of this world, that is, His _____ . (Psalm 19:1-6)

The Bible tells us clearly that all mankind _____ Him in this way and are thus _____ . (Rom 1:19,20)

➤ God has also revealed Himself to us in His _____ , the _____ .

Thus, in this way He has revealed how we can know Him in a _____ , _____ way.

Thus, the Scriptures are given

That a man might be _____ unto salvation (2 Tim 3:15)
and to _____ in those who
believe so that they might live in a way that _____
Him. (1 Thess 2:13; 4:1)

- It has been given so that...
 - We might know _____ .
 - We might know _____ .

- Two of the characteristics of this Book are:
 - It is _____.
That is, it is _____ for... (see again 2 Tim 3:16)
But NOTE: although it is profitable, not all is _____ profitable. Ex: Romans _____
1 Chronicles _____
 - It is _____.
That is, it is _____...
But NOTE: although it is clear in its _____,
not all is _____ clear.
Ex: The message of _____
Some matters of _____
In other words there are some _____ things...

So, what about when the Scripture is not _____, or when it is _____, or when it seems to be _____?
What then?

2. SOME GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Do **not** let your confidence in the _____ of _____ be shaken.

Q: What is God?

Ans: God is a _____,
infinite, eternal, and unchangeable,
in His being, wisdom, power, holiness,
justice, goodness, and _____.

(WSC #4)

Part of the unchanging character of God is _____.

(See Exodus 34:6; Psalm 117:2)

The Bible will not, cannot, _____ itself.

This is NOT a merely _____.

- Do NOT neglect the _____.
 It is like a series of _____.
 Take the _____ to read it.
 This is why it is so important to be _____.
- NOTE: The widest context is the _____.
 The *formal* principle of the Reformation was _____.
Scriptura Scripturae interpres. _____
*Let all understanding and interpretation of Scripture be in conformity with the **analogia fidei.*** _____
- Don't be afraid to _____.
 Our study of the Scriptures must not be a hap-hazzard, what comes off the top of our head affair.
 Make sure that you consult _____, _____, _____, _____ sources.
 It's like _____ on the shoulders of _____.
 A good Study Bible is worth _____!
 Study is _____ work, but the study of the Bible is the most _____ work that there is.
- Sometimes you have to be willing to say, " _____."
 "The Holy Scriptures require a _____ reader who shows _____ and _____ toward the Word of God , and constantly says, 'Teach me, teach me, teach me!' " (Luther)

"How shall we deal with difficulties of the Bible?" (R.A. Torrey)

- ① _____
- ② _____
- ③ _____
- ④ _____
- ⑤ _____
- ⑥ _____
- ⑦ _____

3. AN ATTEMPTED ILLUSTRATION

The passage: _____

FIRST, let's begin with the most basic things:

- The _____: _____
who has very important instruction for the readers,
both _____ and _____.
- The _____, that is, the _____.
Individuals who were experiencing _____,
with the real prospect of _____.

SECOND, let's carefully consider the _____.

- The IMMEDIATE _____
Before: vss 1-3. An appeal ["Let us..."] for them to go on to

Following: vss 7-8. The _____ of _____.
GOOD _____ = _____
WORTHLESS _____ = _____
_____ & _____,
to be _____.
- Note the _____ in his address to them:

Vs 4 -	
Vs 6 -	Vs 9 -
"	
"	

THIRD, Scriptural _____.

- Scripture _____ contradict itself!

➤ ETERNAL SECURITY, or THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE SAINTS

A plethora of _____ teaching:

John 6: _____ Philippians 1: _____
John 10: _____ 1 Thessalonians 5: _____
Romans 8: _____ (and many more...)

FOURTH, a strong _____ !

- Beware of having a _____ of Christianity without being fully _____ to it.
- Is there any such thing as a Christian who _____ ?

FIFTH, on the shoulders of _____.

Matthew _____	F.F. _____
John _____	Wm. _____
John _____	Simon _____
Gleason _____	P.E. _____

SIXTH, I can therefore embrace this interpretation with _____ and live my life accordingly.

Other Bible Difficulties:

- Sennacherib’s two attacks on Jerusalem.
- The repentance of Manasseh.
- The meaning of “To the rest I say (I, not the Lord)” [1 Cor 7:12].
- “The sons of God” & “the daughters of man” [Gen 6:2].
- The order of the temptations of Christ.
- Did Jesus cleanse the temple once or twice?