

THE HILL CHURCH | How to Study the Bible
Introduction: Day 1

Hermeneutics are the principles and rules of Bible interpretation. This work will cover general biblical hermeneutics with the goal of making clear how we should approach and interpret the Bible corporately as a church and individually as believers.

The Nature and Authority of the Bible

The foundation for biblical hermeneutics and bible interpretation is the solid foundation of understanding the Bible itself.

- **Inspiration of Scripture:** You must know and should trust that the Bible is the very Word of God.
- **Truthfulness of Scripture:** You must know and should trust that the Bible is altogether true.
- **Authority of Scripture:** You must know and should trust that there is no higher authority than the Bible
- **Clarity of Scripture:** You must know and should trust that Bible was given by God for you to clearly understand.
- **Sufficiency of Scripture:** You must know and should trust that the Bible is enough for you to know and follow God.
- **Completion of Scripture:** You must know and should trust that the Bible was completed by God through humans and for humans.
- **Original Context of Scripture:** You must know and should trust that the Bible was timely and is timeless.
- **Christ-Centeredness of Scripture:** You must know and should trust that the Bible is about Jesus Christ.

In response to these foundational truths concerning God's Word, we are to approach the Scriptures with *one preeminent fundamental presupposition*:

God Exists, He has spoken, and His Word is true!

Biblical Hermeneutics: *Literal Grammatical-Historical Method*

- *Literal Grammatical Historical Method.*
- That "fancy" name simply communicates that we interpret/study the Bible literally according to the plain normal sense of language with respect to grammar and historical context (*context is key to all true interpretation of scripture*). The literal grammatical historical method of hermeneutics seeks to **discover the original intended meaning of the passage and rightly recognize significance for today.**

Activity: Read this article *God Wrote a Book: The Wonder of Having His Words:* <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/god-wrote-a-book> & answer these questions:

1. **What is the wonder of the Bible?**
2. **Personally, how can you daily see reading God's Word as a delight along with duty in following Jesus Christ?**