

YOU AND GOD

Fundamentals of a Very Personal, Meaningful and
Productive Relationship with God

Fundamental 4

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The Bible is God's Word and can be understood and applied if studied the way God intended for us to study it; we derive the profit that God put in it if we discover how God divides His Word

PART 5

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3. The intended effect of Bible Study - 2 Tim. 3:16-17
4. God's prescribed approach to Bible study - 2 Tim. 2:15

KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE: Points 5-10

Introductory, simple, basic, and fundamental!!

If you do not adhere to these, you will never, ever be able to...

- a) Unlock the meaning God put in His word
- b) Understand the Bible
- c) Apply it the way God intends
- d) Ultimately honor, please and glorify Him

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5. All Scripture is *for* us, but not all Scripture is *to us*, or *about us* – Romans 15:4 / 3 Divisions

Ephesians 2:4-16 – The ages to come, time past, but now

6. Things Revealed, Things Hidden - Acts 3:21/Romans 16:25

7. Paul's gospel, the mystery, and the dispensation of the grace of God

3 Times "My Gospel"

Good news vs. Bad news: Paul vs. Peter (Acts 2, 3)

"Mystery" and "The Dispensation"

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I Corinthians 2:6-13

- Vs. 6 The wisdom of God and grasped by the mature
- Vs. 7 WE are the recipients
- Vs. 8 Response of Christ's enemies had they known
- Vs. 9 Prepared for US
- Vs. 10 Revealed to US
- Vss. 11-13 Only known through the work of the Spirit

References to the Mystery: central to Paul's message

I Corinthians 15:51-58

Ephesians 1 and 2 Reference to The mystery of His will: 1:9

Ephesians 3

- Vs. 1-2 Dispensation of the grace of God
- Vs. 3-4 Given to Paul by direct revelation: unique understanding of the content of the mystery
- Vs. 5 This mystery was not made known before
- Vs. 6 Makes clear the position of believing gentiles
- Vs. 9-11 Previously hid in God/Vs. 8 “unsearchable”
See Col. 1:26

Point 6 above: Acts 3:21 vs. Romans 16:25 Revealed/Kept secret

4 Questions that must be answered when studying the Bible

Question 1: **Who** is speaking/Writing?

- Not complicated, it's in the context
- God, Noah, Moses, the Prophets, Jesus, Luke, Peter, James, John, Paul

Question 2: **To Whom**?

- Key: What then applies to whom?
- God, Noah, Moses, the Prophets, Jesus, Luke, Peter, James, John, Paul

Question 3: **When**?

Question 4: **Why**? For what purpose?