

Going Deeper – Theology and Doctrines pt 4 *Hermeneutics*

- The Holy Spirit _____, guides, and helps us understand the Bible, but we are _____ as well to study diligently and accurately in order to _____ the full, and precise meaning of what we read.

Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the Lord and to practice *it*, and to teach *His* statutes and ordinances in Israel.

2 Timothy 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

1 Timothy 4:15–16 Take pains with these things; be *absorbed* in them, so that your progress will be evident to all. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

- Those who faithfully and systematically _____ the Bible a _____ will have a good and accurate _____ of the whole Bible, and will have a much better time with the individual parts, topics and doctrines.

Hebrews 5:11–14 Concerning him we have much to say, and *it is* hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

- Hermeneutics is the science of interpreting the Bible. There are a number of different systems, but the one that is best is the

_____, _____, and
_____ method.

- A basic principle is that there is _____ and only _____

_____ of any given text, but there are many

_____.

- Until an accurate _____ of the text is arrived

at, _____ cannot take place.

- A beginning step in _____ a given passage of

scripture is to determine the _____ of the passage.

This means that every passage is part of not only its immediate

_____, but also a broader _____.