

Introduction Biblical Studies

The mandate of God's Word of Encouragement Ministry is two-fold. We are instructed to "*Heal The Body*" and to teach "*Relationship not Religion*". The body of Christ is filled with inconsistencies, self-motivated people whose only concern is for their personal increase and financial gain. They are not as concerned about the people who fill their churches and pockets with offerings. They have neglected to preach the unadulterated word of God that healing, deliverance and freedom can be obtained by those still held in darkness. They do not teach how to establish relationship with God the Father through Christ Jesus. We see everyday men and women missing the mark due to their desire to satisfy their flesh for a moment. People are sitting in many churches across the country hurt and in bondage. The word of God has been compromised and watered down to men's instructions, rules and regulations. Religious heresy as seen in Jesus time has infiltrated the truth of the word of God. The religious leaders kept people from the kingdom of heaven by making human traditions and human religious rules more important than God's word. We have been inundated with men's reasoning and doctrinal misconception. When the truth is brought to light many have difficulties letting go of the tradition of men, for the very truth of the word of God.

Our biblical studies will focus on teaching the word of God line by line precept by precept. We will study the word of God using biblical study training to properly exegesis the text and utilize the art of hermeneutics.

What is exegesis:

1. **Exegesis** ("reading out of a text") is the process of uncovering the **literal** meaning of a text, i.e., **what that text meant to the original, historical audience.**
 1. **The historical meaning is the literal meaning.**
 2. Any reliable interpretation of a text must begin from this historical, literal meaning.
 3. Hence, it must begin with exegesis.
2. "Reading" a text without consideration of its historical meaning results in "**eisegesis**," i.e., reading *into* the text.
 1. "Reading" a text a-historically means the reader gets whatever meaning he/she imposes upon the text.
 2. Imposed readings are manifold, including spiritual readings, historicist readings, literalistic readings, symbolic readings. None of these are readings of the text. **They are readings of the reader.**

What is Hermeneutics:

Answer: Biblical hermeneutics is perhaps summarized best by 2 Timothy 2:15, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**" Biblical hermeneutics is the science of knowing how to properly interpret the various types of literature found in the Bible. For example, a psalm should often be interpreted differently than a prophecy. A proverb should be

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understood and applied differently from a law. This is the purpose of biblical hermeneutics - to help us to know how to interpret, understand, and apply the Bible.

The most important law of biblical hermeneutics is that the Bible should be interpreted literally. Literal Bible interpretation means you understand the Bible in its normal/plain meaning. The Bible says what it means and means what it says. Many make the mistake of trying to read between the lines and come up with meanings for Scriptures that are not truly in the text.

Classes are via Teleconference every Tuesday from 7pm – 8:30pm. Class space is limited to create a more intimate class experience and allot for adequate time for Q/A. Classes run every eight weeks. If you are interested we ask that you register by phone at: 866-828-3222 Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm. There is a \$25.00 cost to cover materials which will be mailed to you after each session. Payments can be made directly online through Paypal. Or you can mail in your payment: GWOE Biblical Studies – PO Box – 1544 – Blackwood – NJ. – 08012.

We look forward to your joining our biblical study sessions!

Thank you

Pastor Tonya Jones

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