

7 PRINCIPLES OF FAITHFUL BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

The book of psalms describes God's word as the Lamp to our feet in this journey and without properly interpreting the word the church will fall in cavernous ruin. its important that we pay attention to the following principles.

- **The clarity of scripture**

Clarity of scripture also known as "perspicuity" of scripture stands as the foundation of biblical interpretation. people always end up asking questions like "Did God Really say?" meaning that our minds as humans are always bent against God's will that is why we should let what we think is right go in the way of what the scriptures say is right.

- **The necessity of the Spirit**

This lies as the second principle. Scripture attests that the Spirit is necessary to understand the things of God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the spirit interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

- **Christocentric exegesis**

We have to approach scripture knowing that the bible is all about Jesus, the cornerstone. When interpreting we have to put Christ at the center of it all hence Christocentric. "Christ at the center is the key to interpreting the earlier portions of the new testament and its promises

- **A new covenant perspective**

Jesus on the sermon on the mount teaches that his teachings supersede the teachings of Moses in the Torah(Law) we see this when he says you have that it was said.... but I say... and else where it says that without Jesus we cant understand old testament meaning that we have to understand the relationship between the old and new testament.

- **Sola scriptura**

This says that only the Bible and the Bible alone is to be followed.

- **The sufficiency of scripture**

This means that the bible contains all the words that God intended for his people to have at each stage of redemptive history and that it now contains all what we need for salvation, for trusting Him perfectly and for obeying Him perfectly.

- **The testimony of the persecuted cloud of witnesses**

Early in church history, divergent interpretation of scripture were recognized and judged as problematic, one powerful tool to find the correct interpretation was proposed by the early church fathers. Irenaeus and Vincent of Lerins proposed that the true teaching of scripture would be found in the church across time, across persons and across distance.

To find more of these in details : KING JESUS CLAIMS HIS CHURCH "a book by FINNY KURUVILLA"

