

“Begin with an End in Mind – (2)” (1 Tim 2:14-18)

What Excites you? What is your Value System?

Jesus is Coming Soon! But: No Uniform Agreement on the Specific Aspects of His 2nd Coming

Today: Importance of _____...

How 2 Contrasting Approaches leads to _____ Views on Eschatology

I. Importance of Correctly Handling the Word of Truth (2 Tim 2:14-18)

The Charge to Accurate Interpretation applies to All Areas of God’s Word...

- A. The _____ Method (Origen, 2nd -3rd AD): Spiritualizing Passage/Words in the Bible**
- B. The “_____” Method: Bible Interpreted from the Historical Background, Contextual Meaning and Grammar of the Words (including the _____ Language)**

The Allegorical Method (John 6:63; 2 Cor 3:6): No Inherent _____ to Interpreting the Bible; the “Normal” Method: _____ by the Rules of History, Context and Grammar, and generally ensures the Uniformity and Consistency of the Interpretation

II. Illustrations – 2 Contrasting Approaches and the Results on Eschatology

A. The Normal Method of Interpretation

God Reveals His Will and Program for Man through _____ Revelation;

_____ is based on the Historical, Contextual and Grammatical Study of the Bible

1. Identify to Whom the Prophecies were addressed: 3 Classifications

The Jews, the Gentiles and the Church (1 Cor 10:32)

2. God has Separate Programs in the Future for each:

The Rapture – for the Church, Prophetic Future (Dan 9, Matt 24) for Israel, and the Future Time of the Tribulation for Israel and the Unbelieving World at-large

B. The Allegorical Method of Interpretation (Covenant or Replacement Theology)

1. 2 Classifications: The Church and the Non-Believers (Jews and Gentiles)

Promises for Israel _____ to the Church: Spiritualizing the Scripture (Gen 12:1-3)

2. Problems: Does God Mean What He Says? What about God’s Future Program for Israel (Romans 11:25-27)?

Objectives in Today’s Message:

1. Why/How to Interpret the Bible by the Normal Method: Study and Apply God’s Word!

2. God has Different Programs for the 3 Classifications of Humanity...

- Pray for the Peace of Israel (Ps 122:6-7)**
- Be Eager and Ready to share the Gospel with the World at-large**
- Hope of the Church – the Rapture; Orient our Life’s Priorities by *Beginning* with that *End* in View (Phil 2:14-16a)**

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