

How Do We Study The Bible? (Part V)

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➤ Intro:

- **previous lessons in series:**
 - **Why is Bible study important?**
 - **How do we study the Bible? (Part I)**
 - purpose of Bible study, process to come to know God's word
 - Bible study tips: read, examine (search), study with a teacher, repetition
 - **How do we study the Bible? (Part II)**
 - know yourself, and the way you learn
 - **How do we study the Bible? (Part III)**
 - principles of interpretation
 - **How do we study the Bible? (Part IV)**
 - brief overview of authority
- **this lesson:**
 - **How do we study the Bible? (Part V)**
 - tips on how to search the Scriptures

➤ Review: major points regarding how to study the Bible

- read the Bible
- search the Scriptures – **this lesson**
- study with a teacher
- repetition
- know yourself and the way your learn, apply
- apply the basic principles of interpretation taught in God's word
- draw conclusion by establishing authority

➤ Review: the need to search the Scripture

- **Acts 17:11 Bereans examined (searched) the Scriptures**
 - not just listen to Paul teach and believe on that alone, they took what he said and examined the Scriptures if see if what he said was true

- - **examine (search)** means to “sift up and down, make careful and exact research as in legal processes (as in Acts 4:9; 12:19, etc.) the Scriptures for themselves” (Robertson)
 - **when we examine the Scriptures, we meticulously** go over them to understand exactly what is said, and go to great measures to put our ideas and the ideas of others to the test compared to God's word
 - **illus.: research paper at school** – meticulous, arduous, laborious, hard work - “boring” but necessary
- **this lesson: tips on how to examine (search) the Scriptures**
 - limited mostly to **online** resources, since this is what's available to most people today

----- **example study project:** come to understanding of baptism in Acts 2:38 – only dealing with “baptism”

- **controversy:** baptized to obtain forgiveness, or be baptized because always forgiven

➤ - **PP:** review process

BibleStudyGuide.org overview

- **review:** top nav bar
- **review:** side nav bar
- **review:** Reference section

Read the Scripture

- **read Scripture** - online Bible

- **Acts 2:38**

- **click:** to read chapter

- **click:** to see cross references, then click on Scriptures

- **read different translations:**

- **Acts 2:38**

- **translations:** NAS, ASV, KJV, NKJ, NIV, Green’s and Young’s literal translations

- **review:** words, different translations, important differences (**for, to, unto**)

Search the Bible for keywords and phrases (English)

- **Bible search key words:**

- **baptism:** **1 Pet. 3:21** – baptism, saved

- **baptized:** **Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; Rom. 6:3** – baptized, saved, for forgiveness of sin, wash away sins, into Christ

- **baptizing:** **Matt. 28:19** – baptize, to make disciples – not disciple until baptized

Study important words

- search Bible dictionaries

- Vine's: "baptize" review 1A (beginning only), **immerse**
- **caution:** dictionaries are prejudiced, so must be careful, Vine's proven to be very good

- English concordances

- Nave's: "baptism" click on **Matt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Jn. 3:5, 22, born again when baptized**
- **note: not have time to research "born of water and the Spirit"** in this illustration, but would want to research
 - **Eph. 5:26** washing of water by the word
 - **Acts 22:16** baptized, wash away sins
 - **Tit. 3:5** God saved us, washing of regeneration and renewing of Holy Spirit
 - **Acts 2:28** receive gift of Holy Spirit when baptized

- Greek

- online Bible

- lookup **Acts 2:38**
- **click: "Greek"** (not have link to Greek regarding "for")

- change version

- **change to KJV Strong's Version**
- **click: "for"** (warning: definitions can be denominationally biased)
 - **Strong's:** 1519

- Reference/Greek Resources:

- lookup **#1519** in Greek Lexicon
- **definition (biased: could have two meanings)**
- **click: "Acts"** every verse used in Acts by Luke
- **review: Acts 3:19 "so" – Acts 2:38 repent and be baptized, result is forgiveness of sins**

----- **have good understanding of baptism in Acts 2:38, but let's see if there's something else we've not found, or issues we don't know about**

- immersion, born again when baptized, saved when baptized, become a disciple when baptized
- saved after baptized, not before

Study comments from men – some will have correct interpretation, some incorrect, gives experience with different interpretations, helps us see if we should study more issues – **research paper: gathering and confirming info**

- **BibleStudyGuide.org: articles/baptism**

- **click:** “What is baptism? Is baptism essential to be saved?”

- **definition:** confirm what learned

- **history:** important information about false doctrines

- **Baptist / Hiscox**

- **“in Christ”** important phrase, saw in Rom. 6:3 – **more info that confirms conclusion**

- **Scriptures to examine** regarding heretical doctrines – **more info that confirms conclusion**

- **infant baptism**

- **BibleStudyGuide.org: Topical Scripture Guide**

- **Baptism:**

- **review:** first points

- **Baptism: “For” in Acts 2:38** – **confirms conclusion**

- **review:** intro, false claim, Bible translations, commentator translations

- **review:** quotes from reference works

- **baptized, the end of which is remission of sins**

- **BibleStudyGuide.org: audio lessons**

- **review titles**

- **review:** audio, outline, PowerPoint (SlideCasts news)

- **“Baptism For the Remission of Sins”**– **confirms conclusion**

- **click:** outline

- **BibleStudyGuide.org: eBooks** – **confirm conclusion**

- **review titles**

- **click:** “Salvation”

- **click:** “Worksheet on Salvation”

- **click:** “What Shall We Do?”

- **LoveMyJesus.com** (search multiple sites, brethren only)– **more info that confirms conclusion**

- **baptism:** review first page of results

- **“for the remission”:** review results (phrase in “”)

- **“for the forgiveness”:** review results (phrase in “”)

- **BibleStudyGuide.org Bibles** – **more info that confirms conclusion**

- **Acts 2:38** - show how to **click on** commentaries

- **several popular commentaries** brethren like to consult: Clark, Barnes, Matthew Henry, Robertson

- **note: better commentaries by brethren, and several good commentaries on the Greek not available online**

➤ **Summary / Inv.**

- **PP:** review the process

- **learned: baptism, Acts 2:38**

- immersion, born again when baptized, saved when baptized, become a disciple when baptized
- saved after we're baptized, not before

- **further study confirmed conclusion**

- **identified false doctrines**, esp. "for" which will help us teach others

- **inv.:** study, baptism, salvation