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HOW TO READ YOUR
BIBLE WITHOUT
GETTING CONFUSED

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Gospel – Great Joy

The original gospel signaled great joy for all people. The Gospel is an announcement, not advice. An announcement about a man named Jesus.

Gospel = Great Joy

Two deeds of supreme and eternal significance:

Jesus died for you/or as you.

Jesus lives for you/or as you.

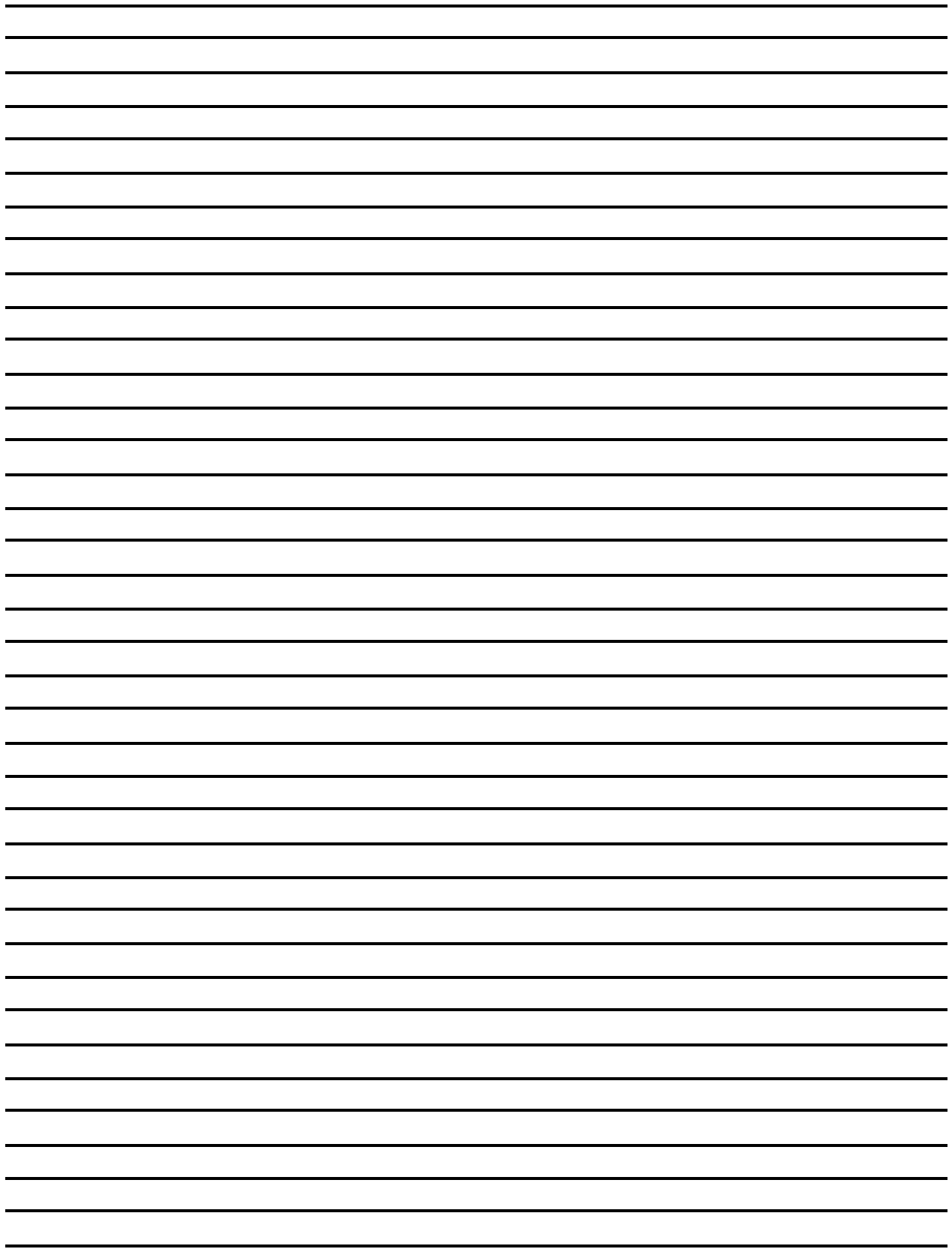
Study to Show Yourself Approved of God

How to read the Bible without getting confused?

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

Study to show yourself approved of God. Rightly dividing the word of truth.



We must know how to rightly discern what is true in relationship to the old covenant and what is true in relationship to the new covenant.

Old vs New

OLD COVENANT	NEW COVENANT
Death	Life
Rules on rocks	Relationship with the Father.
What is wrong with us.	What is right with us.
What we were in Adam	What we are in Christ.
Ministry of Condemnation	Ministry of Affirmation.
All about rewards	All about inheritance.
What we do	What is already done
Just diagnose the problem	Provides solution.
Letter kills	Spirit gives life.
Trying, trying, trying	Trusting, trusting, trusting.
Slaves	Sons.

Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth

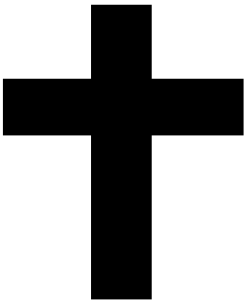
How do we divide the word rightly?

Two questions we need to ask when reading the scriptures in the bible:

1. What does the passage mean in light of the finished work of the cross?
2. Who is the writer writing to or about?

Question 1: What does the passage mean in light of the finished work of the cross?

Before + After the Cross.

BEFORE	CROSS	AFTER
Deuteronomy 11:26-28 Matthew 6:14 Exodus 19:12 Leviticus 5:17, Hebrews 9:9 Deuteronomy 6:25 Romans 5:18		Romans 4:8, Galatians 3:13 Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13 Ephesians 2:13, Hebrew 4:16 Hebrews 10:22, Hebrews 8:12 Romans 5:17 Romans 8:1

Under the Old Covenant, we were blessed "if" we were good. Under the New Covenant, we are blessed, because He is good.

What side of the cross are you living in?

Even though as believers, we are not under law, we are now under grace, but we still have the effects of our old life under the law that has been imprinted on our minds.

When we read the Bible, we should ask, is this scripture describing the Old (law) Covenant which condemns or is this scripture I am reading the New Covenant which make the sinners righteous?

A law mindset is an old way of thinking that now causes you to rely on your performance, rather than relying on Christ. Living with an old mindset will cause you to strive to become what you already are, you seek to find what you already possess.

The Gospel of Grace points you to Christ, what He has done, and who you now are in Christ. If the preaching points to you and what you have done or what you must do that the bad news of the law.

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Question 2: Who is the writer writing to or about?

Not everything is written for you. It is important to know who were the words written for?

Work of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit brings 2 different convictions.

8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. John 16: 8-11 (NKJV)

1. The Holy Spirit will convict the world of sin – the sin of unbelief.
2. The Holy Spirit convict or convinces Christians of their righteousness.

Much of the New Testament was written to Christians to assure them that we belong to our father, to assure them that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ not even sin, because God's grace is greater than our sins. Where sin abounds, grace much more abounds. (Romans 5:20)

The positive ministry of the Holy Spirit is to remind us of our righteousness or how right we are in Christ, that we are kept by Jesus, that we are the father's sons, that our hope is firm and secure.

Titus 2:11, 12 **Grace teaches us to say no to ungodliness.**

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The Bible Reveals Jesus

How do we rightly divide the word?

Reading the Bible in the context of the finished work of the cross. It means, we interpret scripture in light of what Jesus has already done.

The entire Bible reveals Jesus. The written word points us to the living word.

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. Luke 24:27 (ESV)

Read the Bible to find Jesus.

What are some of the dangers of taking scriptures out of context?

But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully. 1 Timothy 1:8 (NKJV)

The purpose of the law was to break your pride and silence your self-righteousness and to reveal your need of a savior.

Therefore, the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ... Galatians 3:24

That the law was meant to drop you off at Jesus, that we might receive the gift of righteousness. The law is of no use to the saint who has already been set free from the cancer of sin.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling... Jude 24

2 Peter 1, 2, 3

For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about[b] long ago have secretly slipped in among you... Jude 4 (NIV)

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REFERNECED MATERIALS

- The Bible
- Guilt Free Living by Arthur Meintjes