

Getting to grips with the Word of God

Preaching the word is the primary means of building the Church,

Bible reading and study, is a luxury we only had for less than 200 years, but we must make use of it.

Generally speaking, there are two sorts of people who want to study the Bible.

They are (1) Christian believers; (its message saved you). & (2) Honest enquirer

The Christian loves the Bible and longs for Christ to speak to us from it, about our life & service.

[1] What do we need to know about the Book we are studying?

- I It is God-centred : not like other books. (Its History & Truth, About God and man and the relationship between)
- li It is dual : Old Testament and New Testament. (Sacred writings of Hebrews & Christian Church)
- lii It is triple : history (past), didactic (how to live in the present), predictive. (what will happen in the future)
- lv it is multiple : a divine library. (OT. 39 books about 21 authors, NT 27 books 9 or 10 authors, Total 66 books 30+ Authors & written by over 15 century's)
- V it is unified : all about Christ! (The Anointed Prophet, Priest & King)

[2] What attitude does such study require?

- I It requires honesty. (I'll read it for what it says)
- li It requires reverence. (prayerfulness) (respect it)
- lii It requires diligence : intensity and continuity. (give it the best of your time, daily)
- lv It requires system. (the Gospel 1st and out from there to the rest)
- V It requires response. (To its message, If you fail to obey it, it will shut down to you)

[3] What is a helpful method?

Normal Christians

- I Scan : read a book first – swiftly – just to get an impression. (get to know it first & start with a gospel)
- li Distil think and think, until you can draw up an outline (get the big picture of the Bible)

Preachers

- lii Dig : work at each section and note its detail. (get to know what's most important sentences are)
- lv Dig deep : work hard and look at the fine detail. (Individual Words and in the original language)

And remember – instant obedience leads to new unveilings!

(If you don't it will be a closed book to you)

Let's Read Psalm 19:7-11 Gods Word is perfect, converting the soul:...its sure, making wise the simple... etc.