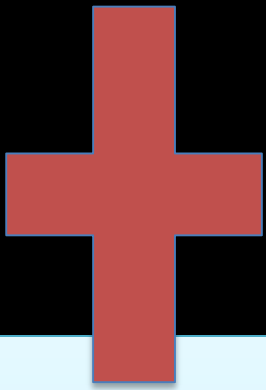




Interpreting the Bible

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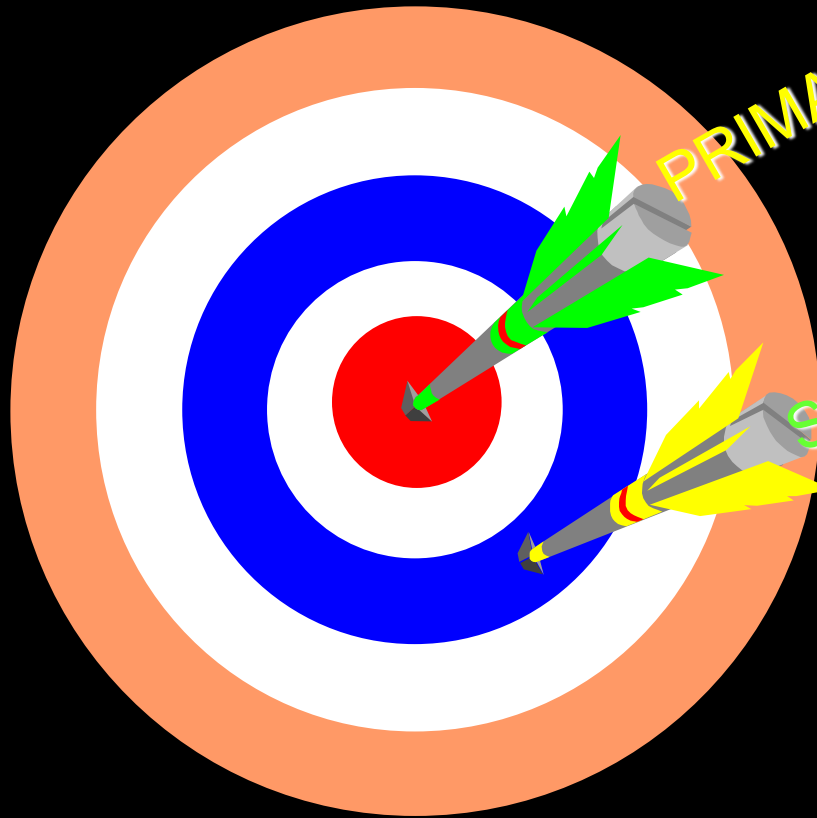
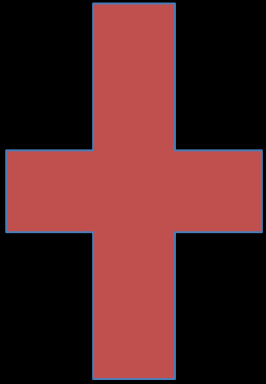


INTERPRETATION

Is a science and and an art meaning to:

1. **Understand** what the text saying,
2. **Translate** the information,
3. **Explain** the message to audience.

Target Audiences



PRIMARY -Your self

SECONDARY Others

6 Steps to Interpret the Bible



Literal

Illuminate

Grammar

Historical

Teacher

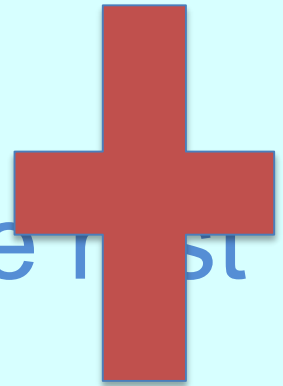
Scriptural Harmony

Step 1

Literal

A common and persistent myth about the Bible is that it has hidden meanings. It may use symbolic and figurative speech but go for plain and obvious meaning. **Mat 7:3** (...plank in your eye)

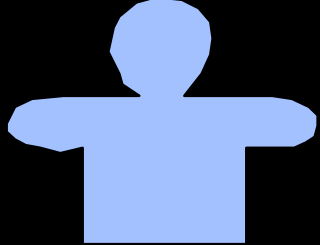
Except 11 Chapters of Genesis, Prophecy; Apocalyptic books...the rest are plain



Step 2

Illuminate

The presence of the Holy Spirit helps us to know the mind of God the author and source of the written word (Bible). God's intention is to save mankind. 2 Tim 3:16.... all the scriptures. The Spirit helps us to interpret the meaning, current application, purpose is clarified. Do you have Him? John 16:7,8,13,15..



Step 3

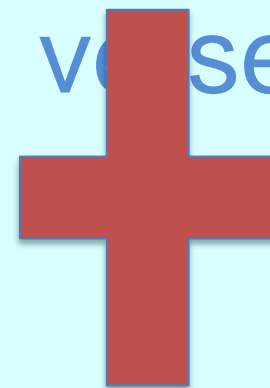
Grammar

Words convey thoughts.

God's thoughts are through His word.

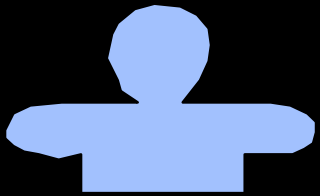
Most often we pick one verse and cling on it without looking at the grammar.

Look at the tense and the verses behind or after the verse....



Jer 29:11- ...I know the plans...

Apply the whole text!



Step 4

Historical

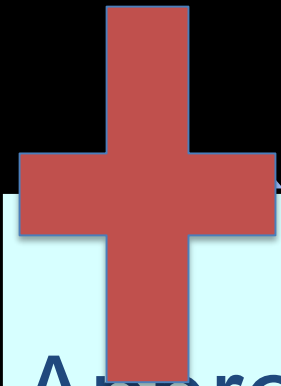
Look at historical context.

**Ruth vs Boaz a kinsman redeemer,
the place of marriage and culture,
socio-economic issues and any
historical matter.**

Luke 1:3 and Acts 1:1

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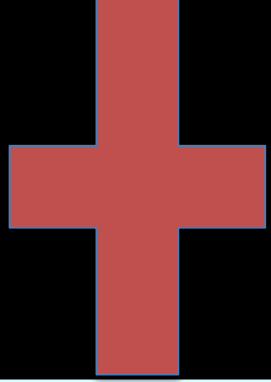


Step
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Teacher

Approach the Bible as one book where you want it to teach you. One historical event can carry many applications in our modern context. Application(s) builds a bridge to a timeless principle.

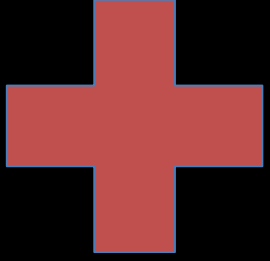
John 12: Mary anointed Jesus....The lesson is we are willing to sacrificially give our most expensive resource to God



Step 6

Scriptural Harmony

Scripture interprets scripture.
The Bible interprets itself.
Hard texts requires you to look at the overall picture or doctrine of the bible.
Never allow misinterpretation to crowd your mind.
Mat 1:18 Talks about God confirming a word about Jesus to Joseph...



Conclusion

The purpose of the Bible is to lay down the Salvation plan for you and me and it is also a blue print for proper relationships both vertical and horizontal. Is it your guide, will you make it your lamp and light in a darkened world?

God richly bless you