

Full Scope of Scripture: Keys to Understanding and Interpreting scripture - Part 2a

In our last lesson, we saw that the opening of our understanding to comprehend scriptures is very important. Let us, therefore, make this our prayer for all (***Ephe.1:15-22***).

***Psalms 119:18** Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.*

Like the author of Psalms 119, let us ceaselessly ask, knock, and seek for understanding while remaining diligent like the Bereans.

- ☐ A few things to remember from our last lesson on Key # 1;
- ✓ Jesus began at Moses and all the prophets. He used the entire Old Testament and what does this say to us. The entire OT is all about Him and so after it was all written, He became flesh and dwelt among us (***John 1:1,2,14***).
- ✓ The whole of scripture is about the past, present, and future ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ (***Luke 24:27,44, 45***).
- ✓ When we think of His suffering, don't we go to the gospels? This Key teaches us that if we have to come to the correct understanding of the scriptures, we have to begin from the beginning (Genesis). Remember what ***2Tim.2:16-17***?
- ✓ Note: Always remember that the OT is the NT concealed, and the NT is the OT revealed. What is in the NT will in some way or fashion be found in the new and vice versa. (**One cannot be fully understood without the other**)

Key # 2: The Holy Spirit is our Teacher: How does He teach?

- ☐ As we begin on this key, let us ask ourselves this question. If the Holy Spirit is our teacher, would He teach differently than Jesus would? (**Share your thoughts!**)
- ☐ In the following scriptures, the Holy Spirit is taking of what is Christ's and declaring to us. He teaches us all things, guiding us into all truth and even revealing to us the things that are to come.
 - ***John 16:13** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. **14** He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. **15** All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.*
 - ***John 14:26** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*
- ☐ This is how the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth and teach us all things.
 - ***1Cor 2:13** These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. **14** But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are am In person.*

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- *MU Extension St. Louis Metro Area Office on the UMSL spiritually discerned. **15** But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. **16** For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.*
- ***Isaiah 28:9** “Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? **10** For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.”*
- ✓ *Look at **1Cor2:14** – who is the natural man who cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God or discern them? This is the unsaved; the one who is spiritually dead. If this person cannot receive the spiritual things, then for him/her to be able to compare spiritual things with spiritual, the Gospel of Grace has to be spoken first. This has to be the foundation before the next level of comparing spiritual things with spiritual things (comparing scripture with scripture)*
- ***1 Cor. 12:3**...and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.*
- ***1Cor. 2: 11**For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. **12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.*
- ✓ *This Key therefore teaches us that, if we have to gain knowledge and come to the correct understanding of the scriptures, we have to be able to connect scripture with scripture, a little from here and a little from there and of course remembering to keep context in view.*
- ✓ *In other words, what we are doing is to allow scripture to interpret scripture allowing the one who gave it, to guide us into all truth. All scripture is given by inspiration of God...*
- ***2Pet. 1:19** And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; **20** knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, **21** for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*
- ✓ *Please note this: All truth (**John 16:13**) is not found in one scripture. The bible is like a ‘jigsaw puzzle’ with many related/connected pieces (scriptures) – is like a fabric – *just like that cloth made by weaving or knitting textile fibers*. The pieces/fibers must be put together in their order or pattern first, to be able to see the whole picture. Failure to do this, invites confusion and error.*
- ✓ *Putting the puzzle pieces together requires devotion, concentration and diligence (careful and persistent effort) – **2 Tim 2:15**Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*
- ✓ *NB the truth in the word should be desired more than Gold which MUST be dug out or mined and it has to require diligence and hard work. How much time and effort do you think we should devote into digging deep into His Word?*

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- Let us think through what Jesus had done, first for the two disciples and then for the larger group of disciples and see what we can learn.
 - Why did Jesus call them foolish ones?

Vs. 25 – *Because they were slow to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!.*

✓ **Read Vs. 27 and Vs. 44.** Was Moses a prophet? **Deut. 34: 10** *But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. (Deut. 18:15,18; Acts 7:37).* If Moses was a prophet and he is, what he wrote then would be prophetic, right? The word of God is prophetic in nature and Jesus is the WORD (**Please read Eccl. 3:15 in NKJV and NLT**)

✓ Note: The word of God is prophetic in nature. **Rev. 19:10**... *For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy..... 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God..... 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*

✓ What have we done here? We have gone to the OT and NT and have compared scripture with scripture.
 - What should they have known?

Vs. 26 *"Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"*

✓ What scriptures in the NT come to mind when you think of Christ's sufferings and then entering into His glory? **Phil. 2:5-11**

• **Heb.2: 9** *But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.*

• **Eph 1:20** *which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*

• **Heb. 1:13** *But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"?*

✓ What do we learn from this?

• **1 Pet.2:18** *Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. 19 For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. 20 For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. 21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 22 *"Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 who**

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Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed

- **Rom. 8: 16** *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

✓ What have we done here again to gain understanding about Christ's suffering and glory? We have compared scripture with scripture.

- To correct this lack of understanding of these things, where did Jesus begin in Scripture to teach them about Himself?

Vs. 27 *And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets.*

✓ We know who the major and minor prophets are, right? If in this passage we did not have vs.44, how would we understand 'beginning at Moses' in vs.27. I have heard many say while preaching from "The Rich man and Lazarus parable" that we are the Moses and the Prophets of today. Are we and what does the Bible say about that?

- **Luke 16: 29** *Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'* **30** *And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'* **31** *But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'* "

- **John 5:45** *Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust. 46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. 47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"*

- 'Moses' is therefore referring to the writings of Moses and which books did Moses write? The first 5 books of the Bible ([Genesis](#), [Exodus](#), [Leviticus](#), [Numbers](#), and [Deuteronomy](#)). The Pentateuch - The Torah, which comes from the Hebrew word for "law"

✓ It makes a lot of sense when one compares the underlined in vs.31 of Luke 16 and vs.46 of John 5 and I hope that you're beginning to see how important it is to compare scripture with scripture.

Questions:

1. *What is the one thing that you have learned from this key? read phillipians3*
2. *Do you how Jesus would have used this key to expound on Himself to the disciples?*
3. *Can one ignore the two keys covered and the more to come and get it right?*

- *May the Lord reward your diligence!! Let's keep praying for all!*

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As we continue to study and meditate the Holy Spirit will bring to remembrance everything that you have studied. As a man thinketh in his heart so is he.

God has repeated Himself in the bible to emphasize what He wants us to know.

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