

WHAT'S THE POINT?

March 8, 2015 2 Timothy 3:16-17 by Bob Branch
Raising The Bar to Normal, Part 2

MAIN IDEA: *What's the purpose of the Bible? How do we get to what it really means? What's the point?*

"All Scripture is God breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the person of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

What is Scripture?

What is Scripture supposed to do? Why Scripture? (17)

- It **COMPLETES** us.
- It **EQUIPS** us for every good work,
"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." **Ephesians 2:10** NLT
- It's **PROFITABLE**.
 - ✓ For Teaching
 - ✓ For Reproof
 - ✓ For Correcting us unto restoration
 - ✓ For Training us in righteousness

How can we get the most out of it?

What's the Point? The primary question?

Author's INTENT... it means what the author meant

"It can never mean what it never meant."

"Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known."

1 Corinthians 13:8-12 ESV

Historical context (words and ideas embedded in history and culture)

Literary context (different kinds of literature)

Epistles/letters (one side of a phone call; an agenda/opportunity)

Acts (how it happened; not how it has to happen!)

Gospels (God keeping his promise sending Messiah; Biography of Jesus; story of God, cont'd)

Apocalyptic (Revelation of Jesus Christ; symbol-laden in historical context)

Helps:

A good Study Bible. NIV. ESV. Life Application.

How to Read the Bible Book by Book (good basic handbook)

How to Read the Bible For All It's Worth

Online resources. (variety of translations, biblegateway.com)

Faithlife Online Study Bible (smart app; youversion)