

Review Questions on How to Accurately Understand the Word

Sharing Question

Who's the best two-way communicator (not one-way, like a preacher/lecturer) you know? What is it about them that makes them so effective?

The Problem: Interpretation

Create a diagram that adequately depicts the relationship between a communicator sending a message and a listener who accurately understands that message.

Define and explain "hermeneutics."

God's Communication Process

Fill in the appropriate terms in the links.

Define the terms used in answering #4.

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Look up the following references and, in the blank next to each, write the term from the previous question that is most clearly illustrated or addressed in that passage.

Matthew 7:24-27

Ephesians 1:17-18

Ephesians 3:5

I Corinthians 14:37-38

Luke 24:27

Some people feel that the Bible can't be perfect (that is, without any errors) since human beings were involved in its production. Luke 1:26-35 and 2:1-7 (Matthew 1:18-25) record a parallel phenomena that suggests the presence of a human being in a process does not necessarily result in imperfection. Fill in the blank on the chart on the next page to complete this analogy.

	Jesus
ACT	Incarnation of Savior
PROCESS	Holy Spirit + _____
RESULT	Perfect
Bible	living Word
Inspiration of Scripture	
Holy Spirit	
+	
Human authors	
Perfect	
written Word	

If the presence of a human being in the process ensures imperfection, what must be true of Jesus?

Preparation for Interpretation

Read I Corinthians 2:14 carefully; list all the facts (from this verse) that you see concerning the "natural man."

Matching: Place the letter from the items listed on the right below in the blank in front of the appropriate term on the left.

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| _____ Revelation | a. "Enlightening" by the Holy Spirit |
| _____ Inspiration | b. "unveiling" of truth |
| _____ Transmission | c. Accurate copying of original Hebrew and Greek manuscripts |
| _____ Translation | d. Bringing truth to bear on experience |
| _____ Illumination | e. Recording God's Word without any error |
| _____ Application | f. Accurate rendering of original languages into one's own language |

Circle "T" for true and "F" for false in the following statements:

T F Skill is not required in the process of interpreting the Bible; all one must do is know the rules (or principles) of interpretation.

T F One's educational background is an essential pre-requisite to interpreting the Scripture.

T F Some unsaved persons naturally welcome the truth of Scripture while others do not.