



SURVEY OF BIBLICAL HERMENEUTICS

IBS OVERVIEW

1. Observations- Observing what the text is saying.
2. Interpretations- Understanding what the text is saying.
3. Affirmations- affirming our interpretations are consistent with orthodoxy.
4. Applications- The implications of the meaning of the text.



I. OBSERVATION

- A. Read (5x)
- B. Identify: (Phrases/Patterns - Literature/List of evidence)
- C. Structure: (Transitions/Division/Pericopes/Paragraphs - Relationships)
- D. Ask/Raise Questions

*Cite all observations (verse/passage)

*Don't add anything that isn't there (Deduction/Eisegesis)

*Use guide to help with questions.



II. INTERPRETATION

- A. Select Question to Answer (Meaning of passage/Verses).
- B. Review Observations looking for evidence to answer.
- C. Answer your own Question based on evidence.
- D. Summarize: Passage/Verses and meaning (your answer)

*Cite all ideas (verse/passage).



III. AFFIRMATIONS

- A. Cross reference (use scripture to interpret scripture)
- B. Commentaries (see what others have found)
- C. Christ Centered (Who Jesus is and what Jesus has done should be seen)
- D. Affirm or Adjust your interpretation
- E. Make your final Interpretation.

*Cite all ideas (verse/passage).



IV. APPLICATION

- A. Summarize the purpose of the passage and it's meaning in way for others to clearly see it's significance
- B. Employ the Great Commandment- think of personal, cultural practices that do NOT resemble the meaning of the passage. This involves a lot of self reflection. Think physical, spiritual, mental
- C. Then list out steps one can take to conform your life to this truth and how you can lead others to do the same.
- D. Share your knowledge



EXAMPLE OF INTERPRETATION

LUKE 24:35



