

7. The Rule of Biblical Hermeneutics – The Bible is of no private interpretation, 1 Pet 1:20, Rom 3:4, 1 Cor 2:9-14

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8. The Rule of God’s consistency – You can always count on the consistency of God, Mal 3:8, Heb 13:8; Matt 10:6, John 4:4, Mark 10:51-52, John 9:6-7

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9. The Rule of Multiple Witness – Never base a doctrine on just one verse or passage, Isa 28:9-10, 2 Cor 13:1, 1 Cor 15:29

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10. The Rule of Literal Interpretation – Always take what the Bible says literally until it is impossible to do so, Matt 13:9-23, Rev 1:20, Rev 17

11. The Rule of Defining the Obscure – Never violate a clear passage when trying to understand an obscure one, Dan 12, 2 Cor 12:1-4, 1 Cor 15:29; Heb 10:26-31

C. Principles of Zooming-In to See the Connections

12. The Rule of Verbal Inspiration – The individual words of the Bible are the key to the Bible, Mark 13:31, Prov 30:5, 1 Tim 6:3-5

- A leading steward is called
- A responsibility is given to him to be carried out by his descendants
- A failure to fulfill the stewardship is recorded
- The steward is judged by being removed from the stewardship

b. A dispensation is how God dispenses eternal life according to different terms in different ages, Luke 16:16, Eph 1:10; 3:2-9; 1 Cor 9:16-17.

c. If you fail to rightly divide your Bible it leads to confusion.

CULTS

- 7th Day Adventists observe the Sabbath and believe Sunday worship is the mark of the beast (Law)
- Jehovah's Witnesses preach a kingdom message (Tribulation)
- Mormons teach salvation by works (OT & Tribulation)
- The Church of Christ and many Christian Churches Disciples of Christ baptize for the remission of sins (Apostolic)

"CHRISTIAN" DENOMINATIONS

- Catholicism teaches they are the kingdom of heaven, and salvation is mediated by priests performing rituals (OT)
- The Assemblies of God teach you can lose your salvation (OT & Tribulation)
- Charismatics believe speaking in tongues and signs gifts are for today (Apostolic)

d. Even those who are death on dispensationalism (Reformed) still must admit to dispensational divisions. Heb 9:16-17

e. For a person to be saved in any dispensation is always by grace through faith in what God says (Eph 2:8), but the “work of faith” (how his faith is applied and shown as salvation is dispensed) changes in each dispensation.

f. There are Seven Dispensations

- 1) Creation (Edenic) – An Age of Innocence, Gen 1-3
- 2) Conscience (Adamic) – An Age of God’s Absence, Gen 4-7
- 3) Corruption (Noahic) – An Age of Human Government, Gen 8-11
- 4) Covenant (Abrahamic) – An Age of Promise, Gen 12-Exod 19
- 5) Commandment (Mosaic) – An Age of Law, Exod 20-Matt 26

6) Church (Pauline) – An Age of Grace, Matt 27-Rev 3, Rev 4-19

7) Consummation (Millennium) – An Age of the Kingdom, Rev 20-22

E. Principles to Reach a Right Conclusion, Rom 9:13-24, James 2:14-26

18. The Rule of Positive Declaration – Never base a doctrine on a question

19. The Rule of Giving Good Heed – Pay attention to the warnings in the Bible, Rev 2-3, Matt 26:41; Mark 13:36; Eph 6:18; 1 Pet 4:7, Rev 22:18-19; Prov 30:6

20. The Rule of Progressive Understanding – The Bible is a progressive revelation, and the Holy Spirit teaches you progressively, John 16:12
