

# Understanding the Bible Lesson 1

## Course Questions

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- 1) What does "to understand" really mean?
- 2) Where is Jesus Christ when we follow Him?
- 3) When did you read the Bible last?
- 4) What did you read?
- 5) How much do you treasure God's word?
- 6) Explain **2 Peter 3:16** "as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction."
- 7) If ever you have found the Bible hard to understand, which of the 10 classes did you fall into?  
**Ten Classes Who Find the Bible Hard to Understand**
  1. Those ignorant of its contents
  2. Those too lazy to read it
  3. Those biased contrary to its true doctrines ([Matthew 15:7-14](#); [John 8:43](#))
  4. Rebels against what it says because they have listened to religious teachers who explain it away
  5. Those uninterested in trying to understand it due to the satanic theory that it is hard to understand
  6. Those too worldly and sinful to believe it because it condemns them
  7. Unstable souls who wrest at it to their own destruction ([2 Peter 3:16](#))
  8. Deceivers who use it to further their own interests ([2 Cor. 4:1-4](#))
  9. Those who permit Satan to blind and rob them of truth ([Matthew 13:19-23](#); [2 Cor. 4:1-4](#))
  10. Those who refuse to humble themselves and be converted ([Matthew 18:3](#); [Isaiah 6:9-10](#))
- There are **Seven Reasons Why the Bible Is Not Understood**. Reason, doubt, questioning, people hardening themselves, being dull of seeing and hearing and being forgetful.
- 8) Are the seven reasons why the Bible is not understood all willful?
- 9) How does the devil steal the Word of God from the hearts of Christians? ([2 Cor. 11:13-15](#))
- 10) What is the *final word of authority* on all questions? ([2 Tim. 3:16-17](#)).
- 11) What is the law of the Bible that we must use to prove any and all teachings? ([Mt. 18:16](#); [2 Cor. 13:1](#))
- 12) Is the Bible the most simple book in the world to understand?
- 13) How many passages in the Bible even hint that it is difficult to understand?
- 14) What groups of people is the Bible hard to understand? ([2 Pet. 3:16](#); [Lk. 24:25-27](#); [Mt. 13:14-17](#); [Mk. 16:13-14](#)).
- 15) Where do true understanding and faith come from? ([Rom. 10:11-18](#)).
- 16) About how many times in Scripture is there an appeal for men to believe what "is written," as if everything was simple enough to understand if they wanted to believe?
- 17) What is the trouble with the rebels in [Matthew 13:15](#)?
- 18) We will find any Scripture difficult to "understand" or "stand under" if we make up our minds that we are not going to believe it. (true or false)
- 19) Would God be honest if He sought to hide from us the very things He will judge us by in the end?
- 20) Will you allow the Bible to interpret itself?
- 21) Did God know exactly what He said and does He mean exactly what He said?
- 22) If you have learned some things over the years that do not line up with the clear teaching of Scripture, are you willing to change what you believe?
- 23) Will you allow the plain language of Scripture to settle every point of difference and confirm what you believe?
- 24) All riddles, allegories, types, symbols, and figures of speech are either explained in Scripture, or are clear in themselves as to their true meaning. (true or false)
- 25) Are all the promises of God conditional, including eternal life as can be seen in the Scriptures themselves?
- 26) Are all the promises of God "Yes" in him and "Amen" to the glory of God? ([2 Cor. 1:20](#))
- 27) Is this hard for you to believe? If so, why?



28) According to the verses below, what two ways are we to listen?

"And He was saying to them, "**Take care what** you listen to..." **Mk. 4:24** "So **take care how** you listen..." **Lk. 8:18**

29) In **Mk. 4:24-25** and **Lk. 8:16-18**, if we reject truth, will even what we have be taken away?

30) Will you choose to believe the seven reasons why the Bible is simple?

**Seven Reasons Why the Bible Is Simple**

1. Because it is a revelation ([2Tim. 3:16-17](#); [2Pet. 1:21](#); [Heb. 1:1](#)).

2. Because of its repeated truths ([2Cor. 13:1](#)). All one needs to do with the Bible is find out what God says, where He says it and then believe it.

3. Because it is written in the most simple human terms possible. If it is understood as it is written then it is a simple book ([Lk. 24:25,45](#)).

4. Because God is the author ([2Tim. 3:16-17](#); [2Pet. 1:21](#)). A deity that could not express himself as clearly as man does would not be the living, all-knowing God. One who could, yet would not make himself clear and sought to hide from man the very truth he expected to judge him by would be an unjust person. A deity who had to be interpreted every time he spoke would not be worthy of our consideration. The fault in Bible complications is not with God or the Bible, but with men who refuse to believe what God says and think we have to interpret what He says in order to get the meaning.

5. Because it was given by God to be understood by the most simple and trusting people ([Dt. 29:29](#); [Mt. 11:25](#); [13:19-23](#); [2Cor. 4:1-6](#); [2Tim. 3:16-17](#)).

6. Because simply reading and believing is all that is required to understand it ([Ps. 1:2-3](#); [2Tim. 2:15](#); [Mt. 11:15](#), note; [Mk. 4:22-23](#), notes).

7. Because 80% of it is plain history, promises, and simple instructions on how to live. The other 20 percent is simple prophecy, or history written beforehand. See note, [Mk. 8:17](#).



31) According to the verses below, is the Word of God and the will of God the same thing?

**Mk. 3:35** "For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother."

**Lk. 8:21** "But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."

**Let us all look at the Bible as the will of God, read it, study it and put it into practice!**

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