

☛ **...BUT, THE BIBLE MUST BE INTERPRETED CORRECTLY.**

Throughout history, those who have believed that the bible is sufficient, as the bible itself declares, have also believed that the scriptures interpret themselves (Sola Scriptura).

In other words, the right way to approach any “part” is to keep in mind the “whole”. The more difficult statements being explained by the simple ones.

The Plain Statement

- Consider Exodus 20:12. This is a plain statement, but how do we respond to it? Are there any limitations or particular instances where this command applies?



Good and Necessary Inference

The bible itself teaches the use of deduction from “good and necessary inference” as a means of properly interpreting itself.

- Now consider Exodus 20:12 in relation to Jesus words in Mark 7:10-13. What does Jesus do with the general statement?

...Notice also the “good and necessary inference” drawn by Mark at the end of verse 19 regarding food.

YES – THE BIBLE ALONE IS TO BE STUDIED AS THE RELIABLE SOURCE OF TRUTH!

Therefore,

Read your bible with confidence. Keep the whole in mind as your read each part, depending on the Spirit to give you understanding and never be pressed into anything unless you are able to see it from the pages of God’s Word.



**THIS, THE SCRIPTURES
TEACH AND THIS WE
BELIEVE ABOUT...**

THE STUDY OF GOD’S WORD



**THE BIBLE IS COMPLETE,
THE BIBLE IS CLEAR AND
THE BIBLE IS TO BE INTERPRETED
CORRECTLY.**

THE BIBLE

Mark 7:1-23; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Rev 22:18-19

☛ THE BIBLE IS COMPLETE...

Jesus, Paul and John all tell us that the bible reveals everything necessary for mankind to know, understand and believe the truth. Unfortunately, man tends to think otherwise.



1. What is the attitude of the “church” leaders towards the scriptures in Mark 7:1-23?

2. In Jesus mind, what will the consequence of this attitude be?

The plain statement of the bible is that it is sufficient for giving us an understanding that is Real, True and Good.

3. In what ways might the modern church show their rejection of scripture for the sake of tradition?

Therefore,

Have nothing to do with groups that teach, or imply by their teaching, that the bible alone is not sufficient for our understanding and preparation for a life of Godliness.

☛ ...AND THE BIBLE IS CLEAR

While not all things in the bible are equally plain to all people, yet, it's teaching on all things considered essential is, by the illumination of the Spirit, plain to all those who care to read it.

Consider the following examples

- Ordinary people are capable of searching them (Acts 17:11)
- Ordinary Christians may understand them (Rom 1:7; 1 Cor 1:12)
- Ordinary parents may teach them (Deut 6:4-9)
- Ordinary Christians are to obey them (Eph 5:22,25; 6:1,5,9)
- Ordinary Christians have the Spirit to lead them (1 Jhn 2:20,27)

Mark 7:14-19

4. What is the plain statement bring made in verses 15 and 19a?

5. What is Jesus asking for in verses 14 and 18a?

So, while some things are hard to understand (piece together), the bible itself is clear.

Therefore,

Search the bible for yourself and check everything you hear

