



The Reformers held the Bible to be the supreme authority for the church. This belief was expressed in the Latin phrase _____ which means the Scriptures alone.

“When we do not try to interpret words in a _____ way, the words we read become a mass of _____. When this happens in biblical interpretation, the Bible becomes a chameleon changing the color of its skin against the changing background of the people doing the interpreting.”
R.C. Sproul

In Greek mythology the god _____ was the _____ of the gods. It was his task to _____ the will of the gods. Therefore, hermeneutics is about _____ a message so it can be understood.

Hermeneutics: the _____ and _____ of correctly interpreting Scripture

What are the laws of Hermeneutics?

1. _____

- The law stating that _____ is to be used to interpret Scripture
- *Sacra Scriptura Sui Interpres* (Sacred Scripture is its _____)

This rule dictates that no part of Scripture can be interpreted in such a way as to render it in _____ with what is clearly taught elsewhere in Scripture.

2. _____

This rule requires the Bible be interpreted according to its _____ sense (*sensus literalis*) and according to the _____ of literature used.

- The word _____ comes from the Latin *litera* meaning _____
- To interpret the Bible literally is to interpret it as _____
- The word *genre* means _____, _____, or _____
- Genre analysis involves the study of such things as _____, _____, and _____

However, we must be aware of the usage of things like _____ and _____

Hyperbole comes from a word meaning “an _____” and is a statement _____ fancifully for effect

A metaphor is a figure of speech in which a word or phrase denoting one kind of object or idea is used _____ to suggest a likeness or analogy between them

3. _____

This rule requires focusing on _____ and _____ contexts out of which the Scriptures were written

The grammatical structure determines whether words are to be taken as questions (_____), commands (_____), or declarative (_____)

interrogative:

imperative:

declarative:

Historical analysis involves seeking a knowledge of the _____, _____, _____, and _____ in which the books of the Bible were written.

We must remember that the authors of the books of the Bible were not, themselves, _____ and interjected their own _____ and _____ into their works.

“The Bible is not written in ‘_____ Greek’.” R.C. Sproul