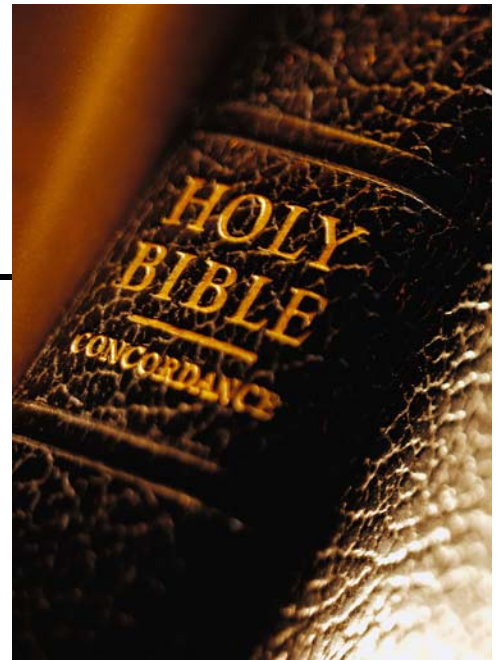






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Learning to Use Your Bible!






Martin Luther once offered some good advice to Peter his barber. Peter asked Martin how he, an ordinary kind of guy, could read the Bible profitably. This is how Martin Luther answered.

Ask yourself these questions:




-  *What does God tell me here?*
-  *What makes me glad?*
-  *What makes me sad?*
-  *What do I want to pray for?*

How Should We Interpret the Bible?

Read it from the perspective of faith.

-  Peter 2:2-3
-  Deuteronomy 6:6
-  2 Timothy 3:15

Let Scripture Interpret Scripture.

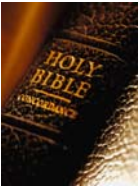
-  Luke 24:13-35
-  Matthew 1:6-8
-  *Matthew 1:22*

Vocabulary

Faith = trust.

*Saving faith is trust in the true
God and in the salvation
which Jesus won for us.
(Luther's Catechism, NPH, pg.
340)*

*Interpret = to explain or tell
the meaning of*



Distinguish Between Law and Gospel and know the purpose of each teaching.

What is a simple definition of “Law”?

What purposes of the Law do the following verses show us?

📖 Romans 3:19

📖 1 Timothy 1:8

📖 Psalm 119:105

What is a simple definition of “Gospel”?

What is the purpose of the Gospel?

📖 Romans 3:21-24

📖 John 3: 16-18

The Perspective of faith tells us the Bible is inspired.

📖 2 Peter 1:21

📖 Hebrews 1:1

📖 1 Cor. 2:13

📖 2 Timothy 3:16

How do you understand the word “inspired” when it is used to describe the Bible?

What comfort do you get from knowing the Bible is inspired?

Thoughts to Ponder

Read the following verses and decide whether they are law or Gospel:

Proverbs 22:6

James 2:10

Galatians 3:10

Isaiah 59:2

Galatians 3:13

Matthew 11:28-30

Romans 8:1

James 3:17

Romans 6:23

John 4:26