

# Can We Understand the Bible Alike?

2 Timothy 2:14-16

Introduction: How are we to interpret the Bible? Obviously, the worldly interprets the Bible in many different ways. However, there is really only one correct way to rightly divide the word of truth.

## I. Understanding the Bible.

A. The Bible is God's revelation. Revelation means "an uncovering;" that is to make known or revealed (Rom. 16:25-26; Eph. 3:3-6).

B. To say we can't understand the Bible is to insult God because he is omniscient. He made it understandable. That includes the Book of Revelation!

C. There is only one true faith (Jude 3; Eph. 4:4-6).

1. The idea of interpreting the Bible in different ways is foreign to God and his will (2 Pet. 1:20-21).

2. The idea of division and denominationalism is condemned by God (1 Cor. 1:10-13; 3:2-4).

3. We will have unity if we respect what is written and authorized (Jn. 17:20-23; 1 Cor. 4:6b).

## II. Failing to respect the Bible will lead to condemnation.

A. Peter said some were twisting (from the Greek word meaning misunderstanding) the scriptures (2 Pet. 3:16). We can only blame ourselves if we twist God's word to make it mean what we want it to say rather than what it does say.

B. Rejecting God's word to justify an unscriptural practice would constitute the development of another gospel (Gal. 1:6-8).

## III. We must respect the Bible and NOT seek to change it.

A. We must not add to it, take away from it, or modify it in any way!

1. To do so would be an attempt to take God's place.

2. God wrote it and it is just as applicable today as it was 2000 years ago (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

B. Notice how Christ feels about those who change his word (Matt. 7:21-23; 15:1-9).

C. Notice God's attitude toward those who would add or take away from His word (Rev. 22:18-19).

Conclusion: Don't seek to change the word of God! It is His Word, respect it and rightly divide it. If we do, we will be blessed (Matt. 5:6).