

What is Our Source for understanding Scripture

Is that it is from the text of scripture alone

1A Understand the literary type:

1) Luke's historical account:

Luke 1:1-4 (NABRE)

It became as many have taken to hand **scripture without reserve** of those things which **have been fulfilled among us**, as you as those who from the beginning were **eyewitnesses** and ministers of the word delivered them to us.

It **has been written already** having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, in order to you **ATT**

orderly account most excellent Theophilus,

that you may have the certainty of those things in which you were instructed

an eyewitness, Luke is the only one writing the words that evidence "to the orderly account"

the text, not the witness

Then Luke begins his Account of things that transpired with Zacharias and Elizabeth

The book of Acts is a historical account of the transition from the age of the incarnation of Christ, through the establishing of the church.

The book of Acts is identified as an Account of things that did transpire.

It's not a prescription telling us how things should be done today, or are done today

Acts 1:1-3 (NABRE)

The former account I made, O Theophilus, at all the time began both to do and teach

There were special unique signs and wonders given by God to the first generation, to identify Jesus as the son of God, and to validate his word as absolute truth from God

It will be day in which He was taken up, after He thought the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen.

It is when He also presented Himself after His suffering by death **visible proof** having seen by them during that day, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

not tangibly demonstrable
evening, it just shows a lot more
even in an **unbelievable proof**
(Act 1:26)

All sound Bible knowledge is subject to rational investigation, it is verifiable!

There's the tendency in society to think of all religious belief as merely something that is internal, something subjective, something that you feel, deeply personal, something that isn't necessarily external.

It is distinguished from something **objectifiable** or **evidentiary** meaning, something that is subject to rational investigation.

And because many ministers have not gone through the washing of water by the word, to cleanse them from that worldly system of thought, when you talk to many less people in the church about their religious beliefs and say how do you know that?

It's like somebody rubbing their fingerprints on a chalk board, it doesn't make sense in terms of the way they've been trained to think about religion.

For them their religious knowledge in a big part is based on their intuition, their subjective impression, they have no verifiable source for their specific belief, or even a clearly defined specific beliefs.

So we find that many Christians have just a religious stronghold, they take whatever words spiritual to them, a little bit of this and a little bit of that, and throw in a little bit of something else, mix it all together and come up with their own little pagan brew.

Exemption 8:26 (WJW)
It that He might narrowly and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word

I had my own little pagan brew, but as the washing water by the word so sure, the legends that made up that brew are a one by one washed away

The book of Acts begins where the book of Luke leaves off:

Luke 24:44-48 (NABRE)

As to they rose up the very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and closed the doors, and those who came with them gathered together.

As saying, "The Lord is here indeed, and has appeared to us!"

As and they said about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was seated to them in the breaking of bread.

As then as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you!"

As that they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit.

As and He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

As He held up hands and say to them that it is I myself! Handle Me and say, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see it here?"

As when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.

As that while they still did not believe for joy and marveling, He said to them, "Have you any food here?"

As that they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.

As that He took it and ate in their presence.

As then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses, and the Prophets, and the Psalms concerning Me."

as And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

As then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day.

as and that **repentance** and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, **beginning at Jerusalem**

What is the condition to escape condemnation

John 1:1-14 (NABRE)
as "no who believe in Him is not condemned, but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God."

Jesus is the Christ
As that I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God's salvation for everyone who believes, for Him who has and also for the world.

As and you are witnesses of these things.

As (Hebrew) I want the Promise of My Father upon you for every in the city of Jerusalem until you are sent out with peace from on high."

As and He had them out as far as Bethany, and He blessed up His hands and blessed them.

As then it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.

As and they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

As and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

1B How passages are used are dictated by scripture, our use of those passages demonstrates our Bible knowledge

1) The intent, by much Bible evidence is that we are to be convinced by the testimony of the text of Scripture alone, and not by man's subjective, unverifiable approach.

Matthew 11:1-3 (NABRE)

As and when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent one of his disciples

As and said to Him, "You have the Coming One, so please look for another?"

As Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you **hear and see**

As that blind see and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

The testimony of what they saw was intended to be John's proof that the words he was speaking were from God, to be clear evidence that the way to find the Messiah

Our knowledge of God and confidence in Him, is based on the testimony of the eyewitness accounts

John 20:24-29 (NABRE)

As Peter **Thomas**, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

As the other disciples therefore said to him, "You have seen the Lord?" As he said to them,

"Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

As and after eight days the disciples were again inside, and **Thomas** with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!"

Jesus corrects Thomas's had religion:

As then He said to **Thomas**, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing!"

As and **Thomas** answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

GOD'S STANDARD FOR OUR BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF

As Jesus said to him, "**Thomas**, because you have seen Me, you have believed.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

As and truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book.

as but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 20:31 (NABRE)

as I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me **through their word**

as **they all may be one** as the Father is in Me, and I in the Father, that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

John's testimony is for his hand witness testimony

John's method for our believe and knowledge is through the reliable testimony of his witnesses Scripture

Bible knowledge is objective and verifiable:

2 Peter 1:1-21 (NABRE)

As Jesus Christ, a chosen apostle and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Father Jesus Christ.

as Grace and peace be multiplied to you as the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Grace and peace are well packaged in revealed truth

as the divine power has given to us all things the power to do and perform, through the knowledge of God who called us by His glory and grace, which have been given to us in knowledge, grace and peace promises, that through you may be partakers of these same, being equipped the complete set of the word through faith.

as the also for the divine power given of all things will to your faith into the things to come.

as the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

as the promises made by God, and to His faithful slaves.

as the in these things you are blessed, as in the things which are written in the knowledge of our Father Jesus Christ.

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