

**Bible Study Methods**  
Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth

**Interpretation – Words and Word  
Study**

**Lesson #4**

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# Bible Study Methods

## 1. Preparation

- Saved and sanctified and praying

## 2. Observation

- What does the text say?
- **Psalm 119:18** “Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Your law.”

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**1. Preparation**

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**3. Interpretation**

- What does the text mean?
- **2 Timothy 2:15** ...“accurately handling the word of truth.”
- Continue to avoid study helps at this time.

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- 2. Observation**
- 3. Interpretation**
- 4. Application**
  - How do I respond?

**You must do all the steps in this order!!!**

# Hermeneutics

**A set of rules used to interpret the Bible**

- **Literal**
- **Grammatical**
- **Historical**
- **Literary**

# Word Meaning

- One word can have multiple meanings
  - Trunk (car/tree/elephant)
  - Run
    - I run to the store [verb]
    - My school is hosting a 10k run [noun]

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# What does “world” mean?

## **John 17:9**

- Unsaved

## **1 John 2:2**

- Saved

## **1 John 2:15**

- What is opposed to God

## **Hebrews 1:2**

- Earth

# Firstborn

## First -- time

**Luke 2:2** This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.

**Jesus is the firstborn son of Mary (Luke 2:7)**

## First -- importance

**1 Timothy 1:15** It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost *of all*.

**Israel is the firstborn nation (Exodus 4:22)**

## **Colossians 1:15-20 [NWT]**

- <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
- <sup>16</sup> because by means of him all other things were created in the heavens and on the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, whether they are thrones or lordships or governments or authorities. All other things have been created through him and for him.

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- <sup>17</sup> Also, he is before all other things, and by means of him all other things were made to exist,
- <sup>18</sup> and he is the head of the body, the congregation. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might become the one who is first in all things;

## Colossians 1:15-20 [NWT]

- <sup>19</sup> because God was pleased to have all the fullness to dwell in him,
- <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all other things by making peace through the blood he shed on the torture stake, whether the things on the earth or the things in the heavens.