

“Playing By The Rules”

Bible interpretation is important . . .

1. To help me, and my church, **avoid heresy**.

2 Peter 2:1-2 *1 But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them — bringing swift destruction on themselves. 2 Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute.*

2. To increase **my faith** by helping me to “hear” what God is saying to me.

Rom 10:17 *17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.*

3. To help me respond to **attacks** that people make on the Bible.
4. To help produce a **balanced and vigorous theology** within my local church.
5. To help me apply God’s word correctly to the **different circumstances of my life**.

2 Tim 3:16-17 *16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Recommended book called “How to Read the Bible for all It’s Worth” by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stewart.