

## ***Ten Principles of Bible Interpretation***

1. To properly interpret Scripture we must believe in Divine inspiration.
2. We must always consider the context.
3. Always let Scripture interpret Scripture. (Interpret a vague passage in light of those that are clearer.)
4. Do not form doctrines from a single passage of Scripture.
5. Always approach Scripture to draw meaning from it [search it] rather than to impose meaning onto it.
6. Value the culture, history, and languages of Biblical times.
7. Always look for the literal interpretation of a verse first, then for figurative meaning.
8. We must believe that the Bible does not contradict itself.
9. Proper hermeneutics will always point us to Jesus!
10. True Bible interpretation should be leading us to a transformed life – a transformation into the image of Christ!

**Hermeneutics** – the science of interpretation; especially, the branch of theology dealing with the principles of exegesis.

**Exegesis** – the explanation, critical analysis, or interpretation of a word, literary passage, etc., especially of the Bible.