

“You Can Understand The Bible”

Lesson Text: **Ephesians 3:3-5.**

I. There Are People Who Say You Can't Understand It On Your Own.

- Some Say It's Because Its A Mystery- **Ephesians 3:9; 5:32; 6:19.**
- Some Say It's Impossible To Understand Without Help- **Acts 8:31.**
- Some Say We Can't Understand It Without The Holy Spirit- **John 16:13.**
- Some Say It Is Not Understandable To The Carnal-Minded **1 Cor. 2:14; John 3:1-9.**

II. God Requires Us To Understand His Word.

- **Ephesians 5:17** Stated positively, As If We Are Expected To Understand.
 - Other Scriptures That Show Us An Understanding Is Possible:
 - 1. Psalm 119:130.**
 - 2. Nehemiah 8:1-3. (Vs. 8).**
 - 3. Acts 17:11.**
 - 4. 1 Thessalonians 2:13.**
- Why We We Need To Know:
 - Salvation Is Too Important To Misunderstand- **John 6:44-45; Romans 10:17.**
 - We Must Understand God's Will To Be Obedient- **Matthew 7:21; 7:24-27.**
 - **Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16.**
 - Sadly, Those Who Are Teaching Faith Alone Saves, Do Not Understand Salvation.

III. Jesus Expressed The Father's Will In The Scriptures.

- **Matthew 13:10-17.**
- **John 7:14-17.**
- Some Were Offended By His Words- **Matthew 15:12 (vs. 3-9).**
- Some Rejected His Words- **John 5:39-40.**
- But The Common People Heard Him- **Mark 12:37.**

IV. Examples Of People Understanding God's Word.

- The Jews On Pentecost Understood- **Acts 2:36-41.**
- The Samaritans And Simon Understood- **Acts 8:4-13.**
- The Ethiopian Eunuch Understood- **Acts 8:26-39.**

IV. How You Can Understand The Bible.

- Believe That You Can Understand It- **John 8:31-32.**
- Desire To Understand It For Yourself- **1 Peter 2:1-2.**
- Study It Carefully, Honestly, And Fully.
 - **2 Timothy 2:15. Gr. “Diligence”** - to do something with intense effort and motivation— ‘to work hard, to do one's best, to endeavor.’ Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996).
 - **Acts 17:11.** Be Honest With The Text And Don't Have Preconceived Ideas.
 - Don't Leave Out Anything That Pertains To God's Word- **Acts 20:20.**
- Pray For Wisdom In Understanding God's Will.
 - **James 1:5; Ephesians 1:16-18**