

Four Foundations for Bible Study

Principle 1: *God's word is true regardless of our perceptions or feelings!*

Principle 2: *We interpret the scriptures according to the revelation of the Holy Spirit as He reveals to us the meaning, heart, and life He wrote into it.*

Principle 3: *The most straightforward interpretation is usually closer to the truth than a complicated and involved explanation.*

Principle 4: *When the teachings of the Bible conflict with our common culture, the Bible wins and, when all is said and done, it is the Bible's teachings that we must base our lives on.*

"First of all, you should know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from God as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

2 Peter 1:20,21