

# Can We Understand The Bible Alike?

Is it possible to be unified in our  
understanding of Christ's doctrine?



# We Can Understand The Bible

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- # This is plainly taught in the Old and New Testaments – Neh. 8; Eph. 5:15-17; 3:3-4
  - # That we can understand the Bible implies that we can understand it *alike*.
    - In academics, all who understand have a common understanding.
    - In Scripture, all who understand have a common understanding – Eph. 3:6; Matt. 16:5-12
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# The Purpose Of Revelation Demands A Common Understanding

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- # The word is revealed so that we can *know the truth* of God – 1 Corinthians 2:7-13
    - That we can know the truth implies that we know the same things – 1 Tim. 4:1-5
  - # The word is revealed to *reprove* and *correct* – 2 Tim. 3:16-17
    - Reprove – for convicting one of sinfulness
    - Correct – restoration to an upright state, correction
    - These actions are not possible without a common understanding of the scriptures – Acts 18:24-26
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# How Can Two Understand the Bible Alike?

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- # Both must have honest and good hearts – Lk. 8:15
  - # Both must have the same attitude towards the scriptures and its authority – 1 Corinthians 4:6
  - # Both must show diligence in their efforts to find the truth – 2 Tim. 2:15; Acts 17:11; 2 Pet. 3:16
  - # Both must be willing to accept all that God says on a particular subject – Psalms 119:160; Mt. 7:7; Jas. 1:6; 1 Jn. 5:14
  - # Both must be willing to reject any interpretation of scripture that contradicts any other plain teaching of scripture – Mt. 4:6-7
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