



Studying the Bible I

Methods & Outline

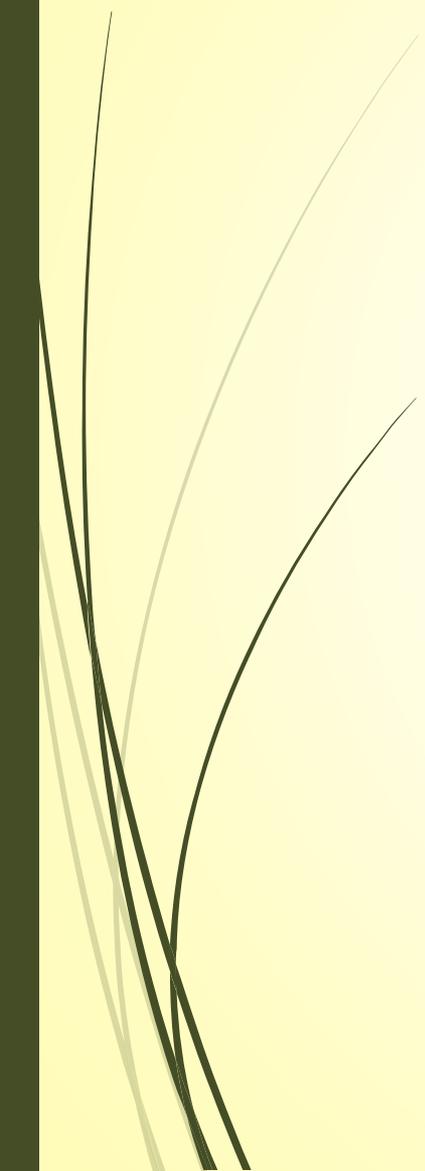
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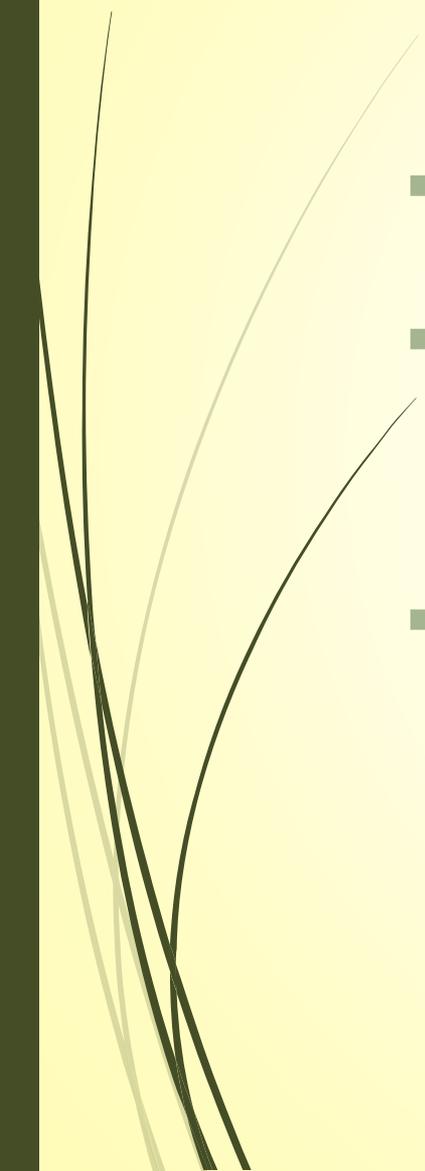


What will you be learning?

1. Reasons for more thorough study
 2. Experience Methods Studying the Bible
 - Lifestyle Bible Study
 - Inductive Bible Study Method
 - Outline
 3. Observation & Interpretation
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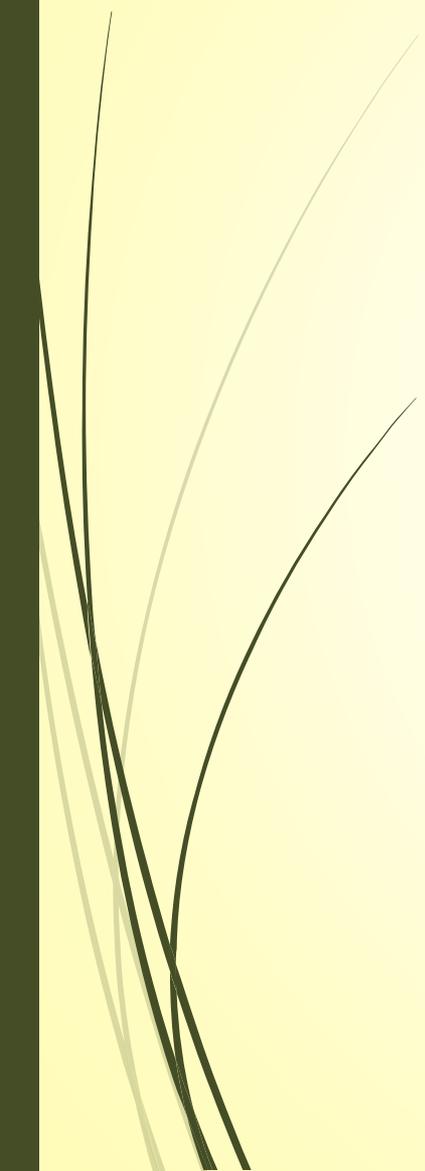


Methods of Bible Study

- Inductive - study the text and draw conclusions directly from the text itself says
 - Deductive - begin from thought/teaching, the leader uses a number of scripture verses and examples to support that conclusion. Most sermons are conducted this way.
 - Lifestyle – Read the passage and make it personal
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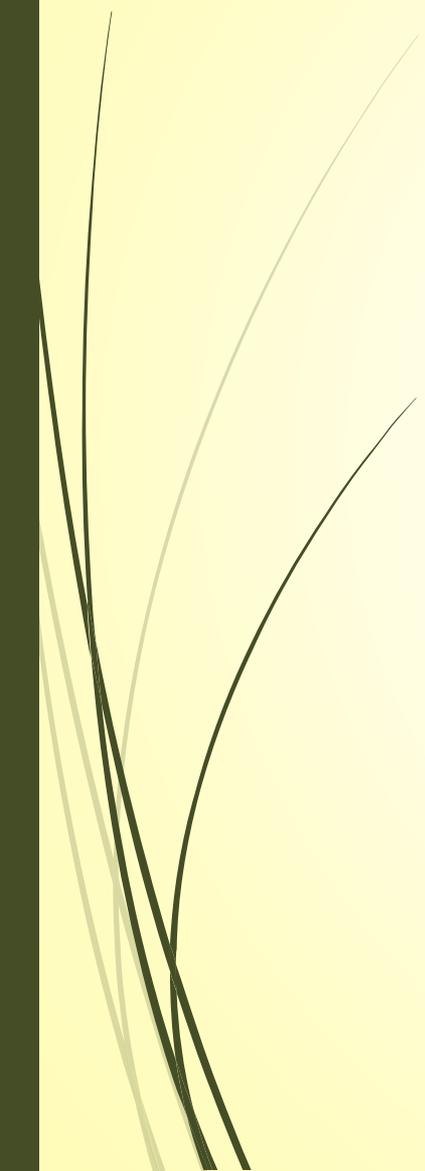


Types of Bible Study

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- Book
 - Topical
 - Word
 - Character
 - Chronological



Lifestyle



- ▶ **Lectio Divina** (Latin for *divine reading*)
 - ▶ Intended to promote communion with God, letting God speak through the Word.
 - ▶ It does not study Scripture as texts but as living.
 - ▶ 4 steps:
 - ▶ *Read* – quiet down, invite the Holy Spirit to speak, attentive reading slowly & repeatedly
 - ▶ *Meditate* – repeat a verse or phrase, ponder & wait for the Holy Spirit to illuminate
 - ▶ *Pray* – speak to God in a loving conversation & hear Him through the Word
 - ▶ *Contemplate* – prayer in silence, beyond speech

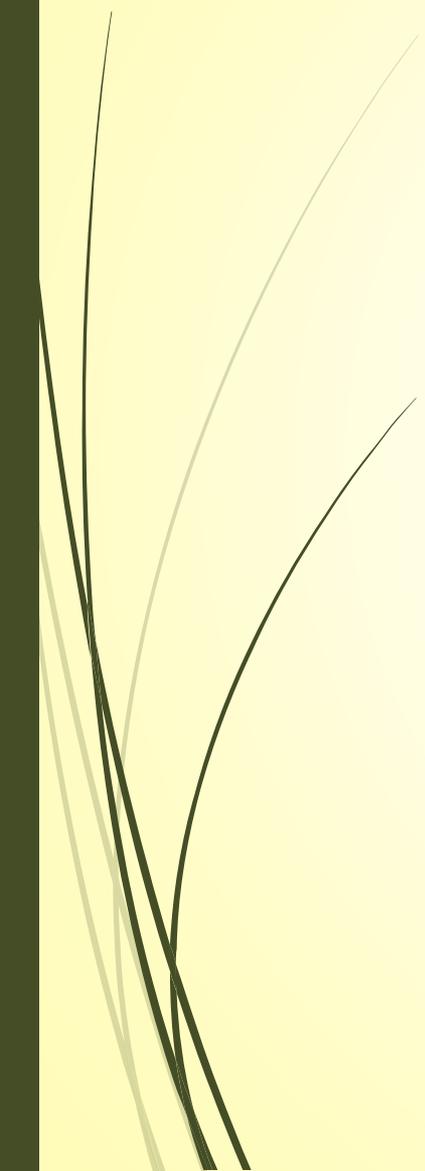
Lifestyle

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- A = Abide in Christ (Spend time in silence focusing on God; offer him your heart & mind during this formation time)
- E = Examine (Using your senses, take in the scripture. Visualize the situation; Is there any thing you could smell, any thing you could touch, anything you could hear?)
- I = I (Personalize scripture by putting your name in it & read it out loud that way)
- O = Open heart (After reading scripture, sit in God's presence with an open your heart allowing God's Spirit to speak and reveal what he chooses to say to you)
- U = Use It (How were you affected by this scripture today? What did you hear in the heavenly Whisper? Pray back your response to God.)



Lifestyle



- Read John 21:1-19 slowly
- Recite/reflect word or phrase in silence
- Read the passage again. Substitute “you” to “I”, “you” to “your name”, other names into people you know, “they” to “we”, etc.
- Read again with the purpose using all your senses. Visualize the situation. What do you hear, smell, taste, see?
- Read again with the purpose of experiencing Christ. What is He prompting you to do/be?



Potential Dangers of Deductive & Lifestyle

- Reading into the Word, inject own ideas, meanings (eisegesis, not exegesis)
- Neglect main thrust/theme of the passage
- Leave out portions of passage
- Over Magnification
- Taking passage out of context
- Subjective interpretation/Misinterpretation

Examples of Misinterpretation

➤ Salvation by work - Hebrews 6:4-6

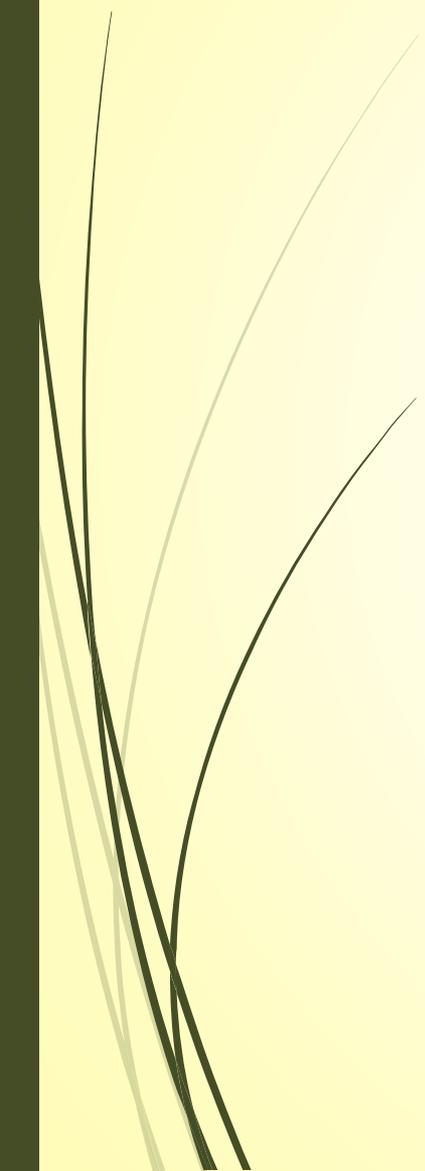
- ⁴It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit,⁵ who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age ⁶ and who have fallen away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.
- Reality of security – Jn 10:28-30; Rm 8:29-39; I Cor 3:15; Eph 1:13; Eph 4:30; Jud 24; Heb 6:1,18-20
- Corrective influence – Prov 3:12; Heb 12:6; Rev 3:19; Ps 89:31-32; I Cor 11:29-30; Heb 12:5-11
- Nominal Christians – Lk 6:45-47; Mt 25:31-46; Mt 7:13-23; Mt 13:36-43

Examples of Misinterpretation

- OK to drink alcohol – I Tim 5:23
 - “Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.”
- Women should not wear pants - Deuteronomy 22:5
 - “A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman’s garment, for all who do so *are* an abomination to the LORD your God.
- Mormons doctrine that man can become divine – Ps 82:6
 - “I said, ‘You are “gods”;
you are all sons of the Most High.’
 - Read Ps 82 in context, meaning judges

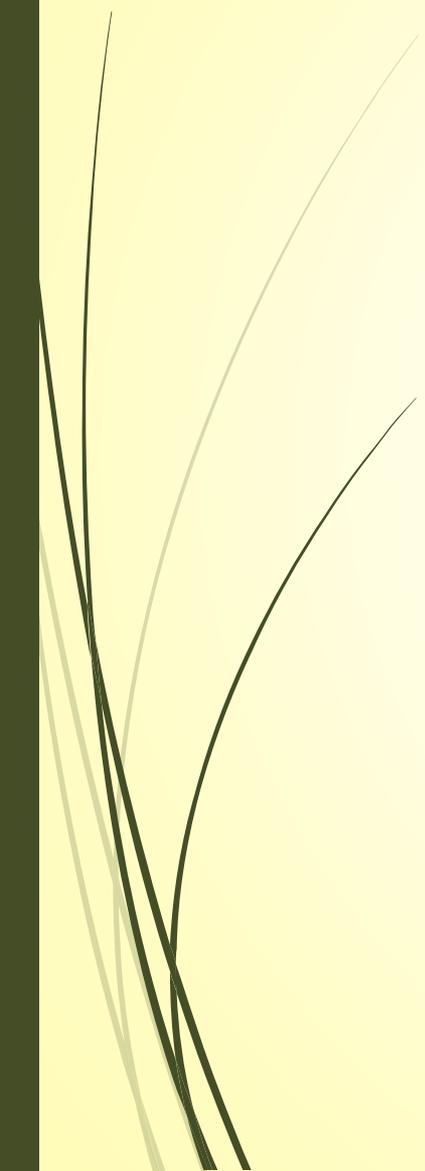


Inductive

- Observation-what does the Bible say?
 - Interpretation-What does the Bible mean?
 - Application-How does this biblical truth apply to my life, or how is this passage relevant today?
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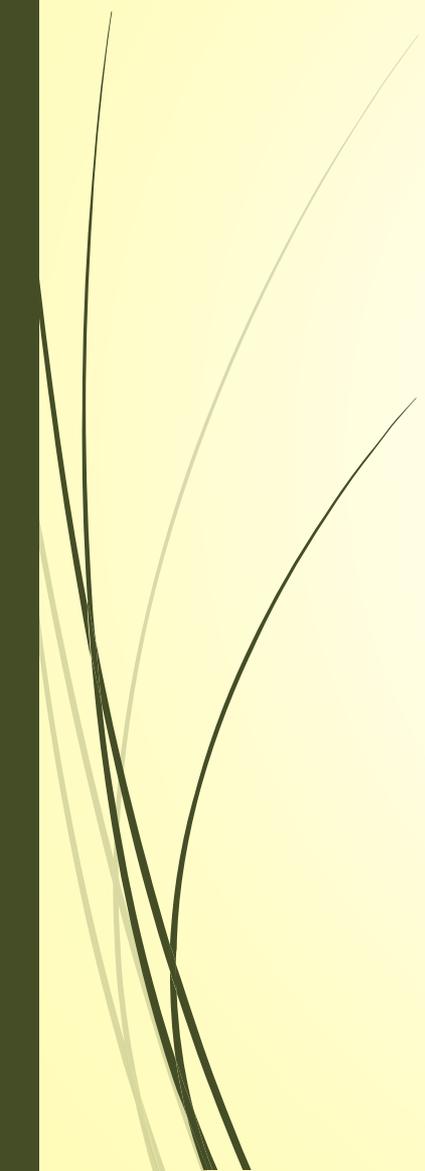
Preparation



- When do you prepare
- Overview of the book
 - NT/OT Survey
 - Bible Dictionary
- 1. Start by prayer & outlining the text
- 2. Make observations
- 3. Getting answers to questions
 - Commentaries/expositions
 - Bible Dictionaries
 - Pre-study



Preparation



4. Let the text speak to you for a period of time
5. Apply the new insights in your daily life
6. Pray



Outlining



Main Theme

I. Major point 1

A. Sub-point 1

1. Sub-subpoint 1
2. Sub-subpoint 2

B. Sub-point 2

1. Sub-subpoint 1
2. Sub-subpoint 2

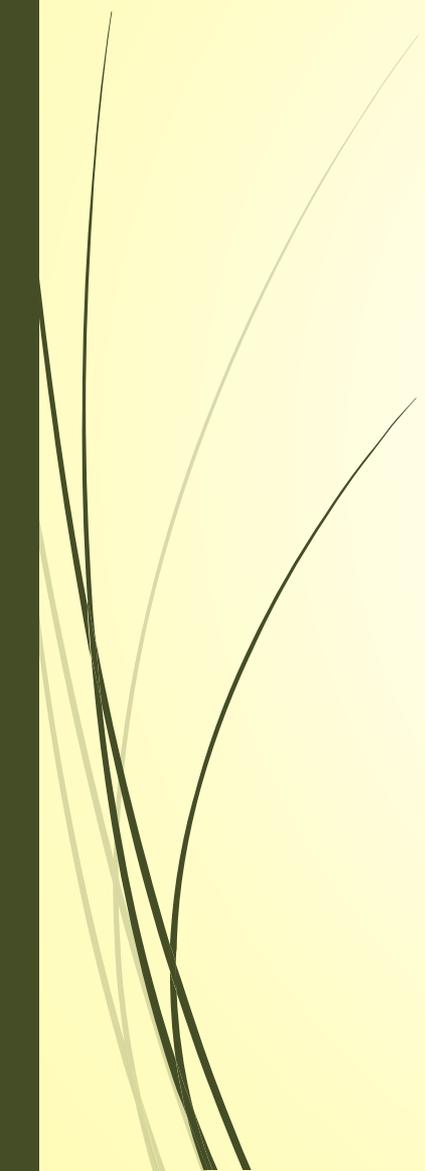
II. Major point 2

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Observations

- How do points connect?
 - Key Words – repeated, emphasized
 - Commands/Advices/Warnings/Blessings
 - Reasons/Cause & effect
 - Comparison/contrasts/similarities
 - Illustrations
 - Lists
 - Questions
 - Connectors – Therefore, but, and, if, however...
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Potential Danger of Inductive Study

- Intellectualization
- Mechanical
- Lacking in personal relationship with God
- Lacking in application
- Needs humility (learner vs. leader)
- Needs obedience – letting Scriptures shape us

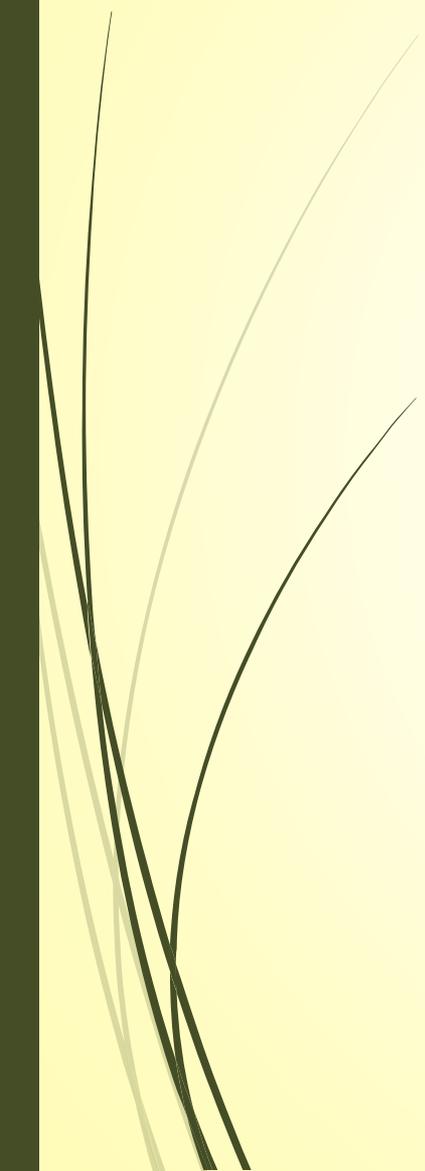


Outline - Joshua 1:8

1. (Command)
 1. ⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips;
 2. Meditate on it
 - A. day
 - B. and night,
2. so that
 1. you may be careful to do everything written in it.
 2. Then you will be
 - A. prosperous
 - B. and successful.



Outline - 2 Timothy 2:15

- ▶ ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.
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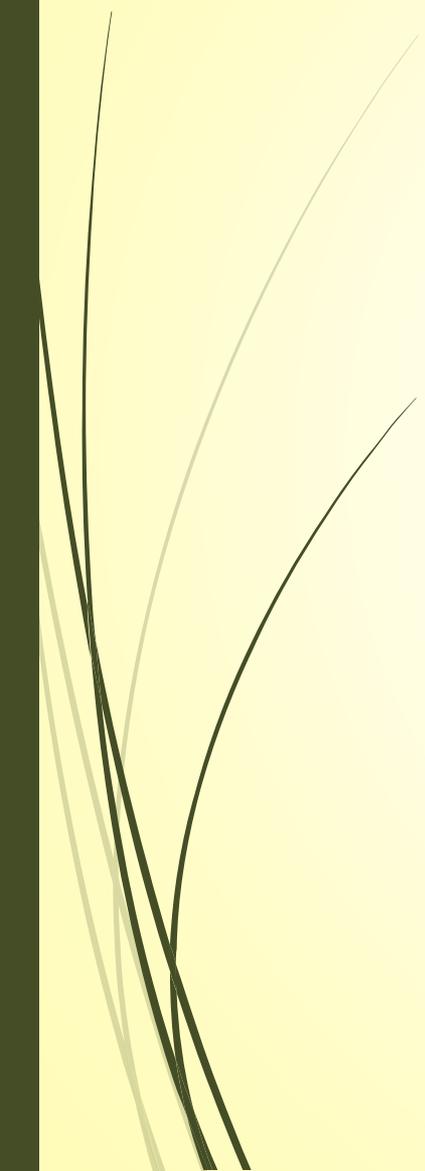
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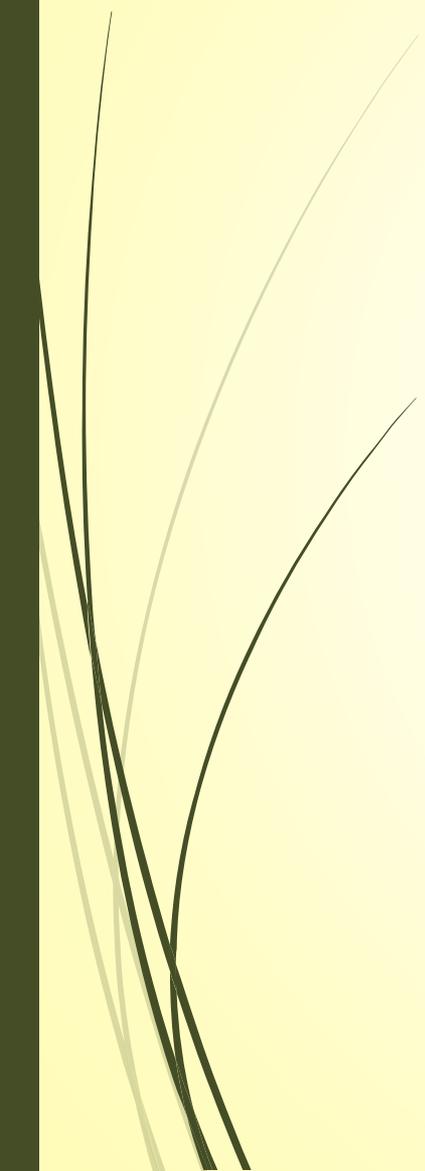
Outline - 1 Peter 2:4-5



⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone—
rejected by humans but chosen by God
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spiritual house to be a holy priesthood,
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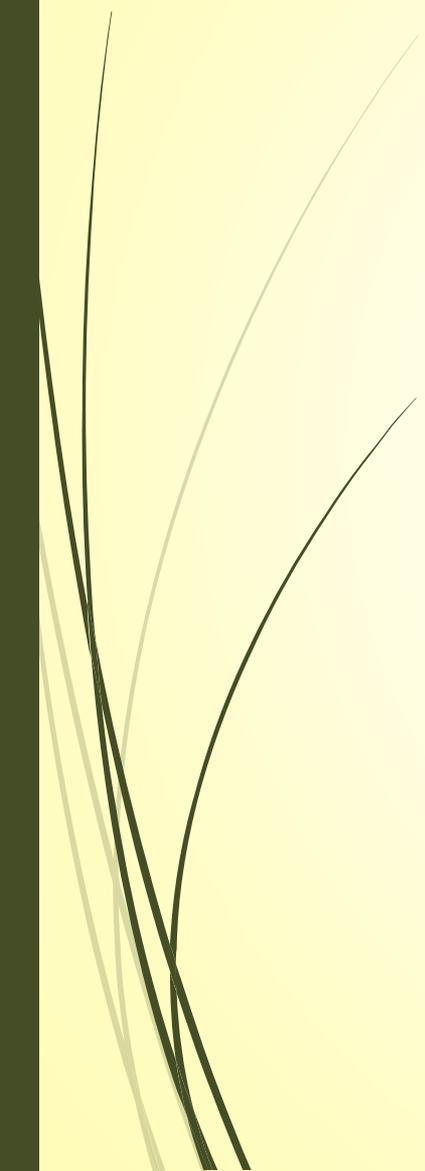


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 3. And precious to him –
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 2. offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God
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Outline – Romans 8:1-4



Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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a)sin

b)and death.

B. ³ For

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a)powerless to do

b)because it was weakened by the flesh,^[b]

2.God did

a)by sending his own Son

(1)in the likeness of sinful flesh

(2)to be a sin offering.^[c]

b)And so he condemned sin in the flesh,

c)⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who

(1)do not live according to the flesh

(2)but according to the Spirit.



Homework

- Outline

- Romans 8:1-17