

# Why Do People Disagree About The Bible?

(John 8:32)

- Introduction:
1. If the Bible is our “roadmap” to heaven, why is it that so many people misunderstand it and disagree with one another over it?
  2. It is so often misunderstood that it has caused some people to question whether it is possible to understand the Bible alike.
  3. In this lesson, I want us to note several factors that keep us from understanding the Bible.

## I. First, The Bible Can Be Understood

- A. If not, it is an insult to the wisdom of God.
  1. (2 Peter 1:20-21).
  2. (1 Corinthians 2:1-4, 13).
  3. “You can prove anything by the Bible.”
- C. It would also contradict clear Bible teaching.
  1. (John 8:32).
  2. (Ephesians 5:17).
  3. (2 Peter 3:15-16) “Some things hard to understand.”

## II. Why People Misunderstand The Bible

- A. Failure to consider context (1 Corinthians 1:15; Revelation 1:1-3; Ecc. 8:15).
- B. Failure to acknowledge the divisions of the Bible.
  1. Old and New Testaments.
- C. Failure to understand different forms of literature in the Bible.
  1. Proverbs (Proverbs 15:1; Proverbs 22:6).
  2. Figurative language (Mark 14:22-24).
- D. Failure to read honestly (Acts 17:11-12; Matthew 13:15).
- E. Trying to find something new (Nehemiah 9:3).
- F. Baggage - Assume truths without checking for ourselves.

## III. What I’ve Learned

- A. I’m going to stop saying, “I don’t understand how anyone could believe (fill in the blank)” because I do!
- B. I need to be patient with those who need further instruction and not assume the worst in their motives (Acts 18:24-38).
- C. I need to approach Bible study with a honest and open heart (Titus 2:7).

- Conclusion:
1. May we dedicate ourselves to be better students of God’s word.
  2. Our eternal destiny hangs in the balance.

D. Accepting the words of another man without checking for oneself.

Conclusion: 1. While there are some things we will never know (Deuteronomy 29:29), and there are some things that are difficult to understand (2 Peter 3:15-16, there are some things that can and must be understood if we are to be pleasing to God.

2. (Isaiah 35:8).

3. God wants us to be saved, thus he has revealed himself to us in a way that we can understand.