

Introduction

The Purpose of The Class:

Overview:

What Is Hermeneutics?

"Hermeneutics is the science and art of Biblical interpretation. It is a science because it is guided by rules within a system; and it is an art because the application of the rules is by skill, and not by mechanical imitation."

- A clarification:

- The Importance of our hermeneutic:
 - 2 Peter 1:20-21

- The Literal, Grammatical, Historical Hermeneutic (The LGH method):
 - Literal:

- Necessary to avoid misinterpreting the Scriptures.
 - 2 Peter 3:16-18

- Because the Bible is our ultimate authority.
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

 - 2 Peter 1:3-4

- Because the Bible is our very life.
 - Deuteronomy 32:45-47

 - Deuteronomy 8:3-6 and Matthew 4:4

- Because the Bible is an ancient book.

- Four “Gaps” that need to be filled:

- The Language Gap:

- The Time Gap:

- The Cultural Gap:

- The Geographical Gap:

- Next Week:
- The place of hermeneutics in relationship to other areas of biblical studies
- Personal responsibility for interpreting the Bible - the priesthood of the believer
- Personal Qualifications for interpreting the Bible