

“Do You Understand What You Are Reading?”

Acts 8:30

Introduction:

- A. It is important to understand what we read.
 - 1. On medicine bottles. (cf. 2 days running and skip one)
 - 2. On posted signs. (Posted, No! Hunting)
 - 3. In Bible.
 - a. Jews read but misunderstood. (Acts 13:27).
 - b. Jews sometimes needed help in understanding. (Neh. 8:6-8; Acts 8)
- B. We need to pay closer attention to the meaning and the application of words:

Discussion:

I. **Baptism.**

- A. Base meaning: "To dip, wash by dipping, immerse"
- B. Various Bible applications:
 - 1. In Suffering (Lk. 12:50)
 - 2. In H.S. and Fire (Matt. 3:11)
 - 3. In Water.
 - a. John (Matt. 3)
 - b. Jesus (Matt. 4)
 - c. Great Commission (cf. 1 Pet. 3)

II. **Soul.**

- A. Base meaning: Life or living.
- B. Two Bible applications:
 - 1. Entire living being (Gen. 2)
 - 2. Part of being that lives on (Matt. 10:28)

III. **Works.**

- A. Base meaning: Things one does and results of what he does.
- B. Bible applications:
 - 1. Merit or accomplishment. (Eph. 2:8,9)
 - 2. System of works or law of works. (Rom. 3,4)
 - 3. Acts of obedience the faith. (Jas. 2)

IV. **Church.**

- A. Base meaning: An assemble called out for a purpose.
- B. Accommodative meanings: Building
- C. Bible Applications:
 - 1. Israel in the wilderness. (Acts 7:38)
 - 2. Secular Assembly. (Acts 19)
 - 3. Universal (Eph. 4:4)
 - 4. Local
 - a. Organization. (1 Cor. 1:1).
 - b. Meeting. (1 Cor. 11,14)

V. **Fellowship.**

- A. Base meaning: Share, jointly participate.
- B. Secular meaning:
- C. Spiritual meaning:
 - 1. Sharing with Diety and brethren.
 - 2. Tokens of that sharing.