

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

Ephesians 3:3-5

INTRO:

- A. Paul wrote that what he knew came from revelation, and that those who read his words could understand the mystery.
- B. To understand the Bible we must see it properly as God's word.

I. THE BIBLE IS FROM GOD!

- A. Breathed (inspired) of God. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- B. Revealed by the Spirit. I Corinthians 2:9-11
- C. Includes prophecy. 2 Peter 1:16-21
- D. We can understand it. Ephesians 3:3-5

II. THE BIBLE IS COMPLETE

- A. God's word is truth. John 17:13-17
- B. All truth. John 16:12-13
- C. Perfect (complete), not partial. I Corinthians 13:8-10
- D. All that pertains to life. 2 Peter 1:2-3
- E. Thoroughly equips us. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

III. WARNINGS

- A. To Israel. Deuteronomy 12:32
- B. To Joshua. Joshua 1:7
- C. To the Galatians. Galatians 1:6-9
- D. In Revelations too. Revelation 22:18-19

CONCLUSION:

- A. **Stick to the word, let it harmonize not contradict, keep it in context, and consider the original language.**
- B. This is God's book, God's word, we are reading and it is perfect and complete.
- C. By it we know how to come to God through Christ.
- D. Won't you obey Him today?