

Can we understand the Bible?

*When the Apostle Paul wrote to the Church at Corinth he informed them that he had “set forth the truth plainly.” (2 Cor 4:2) These words of Paul are extraordinary as they state with absolute clarity that the gospel Paul preached, in fact, all God’s Word, is **an intelligent source of accurate and clearly understandable truth!** God’s Word is not open to varied interpretations and meanings! Its truth can be set forth ‘plainly’; we can see its ‘point’! The words Paul proclaimed can be taken at face value – they conveyed clearly what Paul had intended to say! There was no room for ambiguity or lack of clarity. It was as plain as ‘the nose on your face’!*

These words of the Apostle are a great means of encouragement for the Church. If the words of God in ‘revelation’, the words of the gospel, the words of Scripture/Bible are meant to be understood in their plain grammatical sense then, we can have every confidence that God never has, nor ever will, lead us astray. The gospel never says one thing and means another! When the Bible says ‘don’t’ - it means ‘don’t’! We can have every confidence that the Bible means what it says!

*The Ten Commandments for instance are not obscure. Where could we ever find a more clear, concise and yet comprehensive program for the peace and welfare of any Nation or individual? Nowhere! Where could we find promises more suited to our human frailty and sinful condition? For example, Where could we find more straightforward words than: “**This is a faithful saying and worthy of all men/women to be received that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**”? (1 Tim 1:15) Such perfectly plain words! Have you accepted these plain words for yourself and discovered the joy and encouragement that God desires you to possess?*

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