

Welcome to BSD!

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Lesson 16 – 2 Timothy 2:14-26

Rightly Handling the Word of Truth

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LET'S WORSHIP:
COME, THOU FOUNT,
BY SUFJAN
STEVENS

YouTube Link: [https://
www.youtube.com/watch?
v=CB7Zk6HiDEU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CB7Zk6HiDEU)

MEMORY VERSE

2 Timothy 2:1

“You then, my child, be strong in the grace
that is in Christ Jesus.”



VIDEO CLIP: “*SHOOT CHRISTIANS SAY?*”

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THE ISSUE

Paul is warning Timothy* of the fruitless and potentially disastrous consequence of teaching erroneous doctrine, and being dragged into tedious theological debate.

Paul also knows just how prone young, passionate leaders are to this kind of sin!


**and encouraging him to pass along this warning to the young leaders of the church*

FOUR WARNINGS

Verse	What to Avoid	Potential Consequence
14	“Avoid wrangling over words ” (NRSV)	“in no way profitable and leads to the ruin of the hearers” (HCSB)

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Verse	What to Avoid	Potential Consequence
16-17	<p>“Avoid profane chatter”</p> <p>Or,</p> <p>“Avoid irreverent, empty speech”</p>	<p>“for it will lead people into more and more impiety, and their talk will spread like gangrene”</p>



If you have a squeamish stomach, close your eyes for a minute.

GANGRENE



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Gangrene is a condition that occurs when body tissue dies. It is caused by a loss of blood supply due to an underlying illness, injury, and/or infection.

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Verse	What to Avoid	Potential Consequence
18	“swerve from the truth”	<i>Actual consequence...</i> “Upset the faith of some”

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Verse	What to Avoid	Potential Consequence
23	<p>“have nothing to do with stupid and senseless controversies”</p> <p>“reject foolish and ignorant disputes”</p>	<p><i>For you know that...</i></p> <p>“they breed quarrels”</p>

THE PROBLEM

This is very serious for Paul.

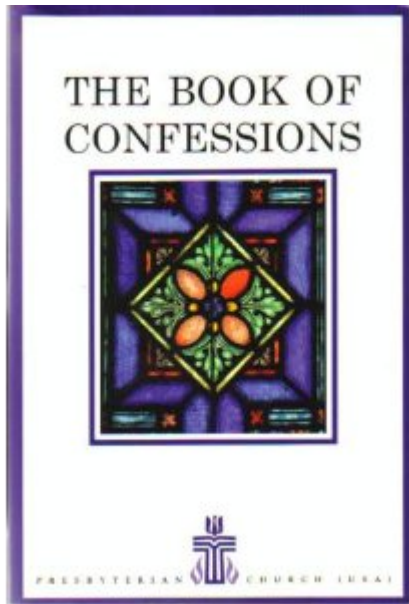
In no uncertain terms, Timothy needs to grasp the impact of theological dialogue with his flock, both the *content* and the *tone*.

THE SOLUTION



RIGHTLY HANDLING THE 'WORD OF TRUTH'

A Matter of *Doctrine* and *Delivery*

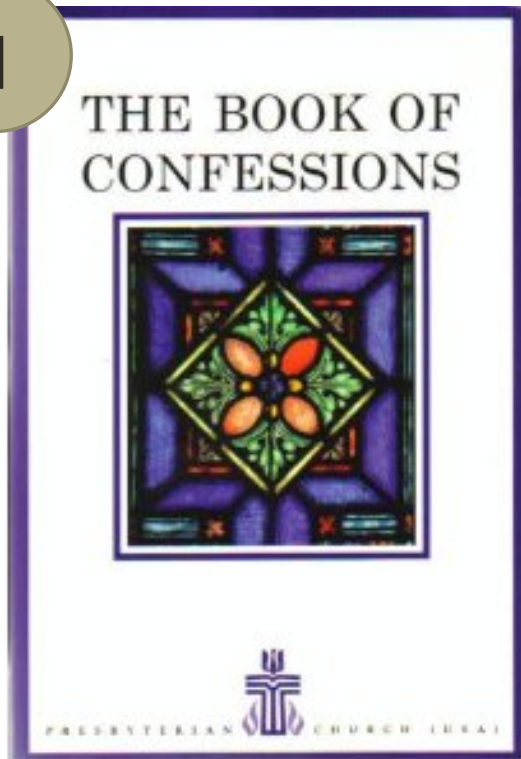


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DOCTRINAL RESOURCES

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Official texts of eleven confessional statements of the Reformed tradition, including introductory comments.

DOCTRINAL RESOURCES

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Essential Tenets &
Confessional Standards

ECO's

“Essential Tenets &
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DOCTRINAL RESOURCES

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Reformed Guidelines for Biblical Interpretation

How are we to resolve some of our most basic questions about the Bible? Surely all of us have come across Bible passages we do not understand. Sometimes we disagree with others as to how to interpret various passages.

As Presbyterians, we are guided by eleven historical documents (creeds, confessions and a statement of faith) when we read the Bible. Our *Book of Order* says that the confessions declare "to its [the PC(USA)'s] members and to the world who and what it is, what it believes, and what it resolves to do." Beginning with our oldest confession, the Apostles' Creed, the confessions guide us in understanding such diverse beliefs as the trinity, the incarnation, the atonement, salvation by grace alone, the sacraments and predestination. They also guide us in how to interpret the meaning of confusing or unclear passages of Scripture.

The eleven confessions are: The Nicene Creed, the Apostles' Creed, The Scots Confession, The Heidelberg Catechism, The Second Helvetic Confession, The Westminster Confession of Faith, The Shorter and Larger Catechisms, The Theological Declaration of Barmen, The Confession of 1967, and A Brief Statement of Faith. They offer us at least five guidelines for interpreting Scripture, and these guidelines are summarized below.

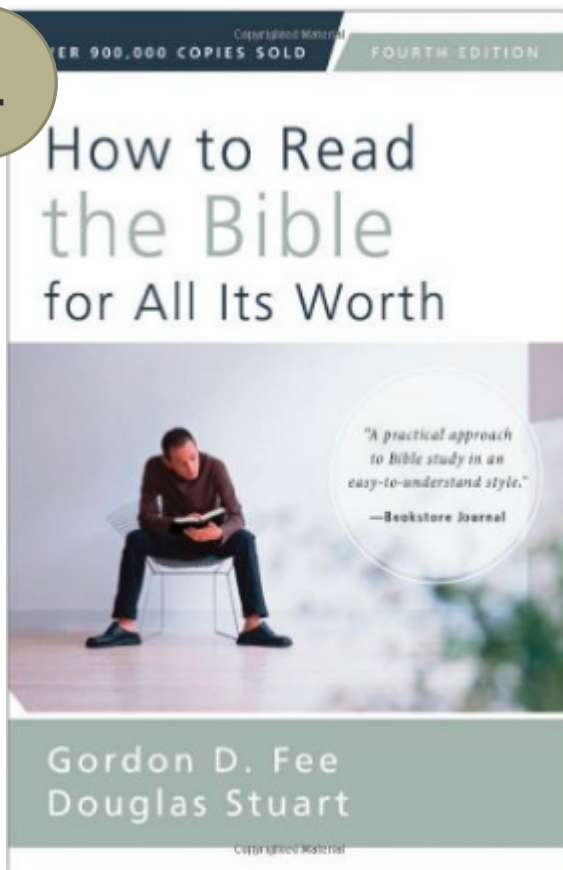
Reformed Guidelines for Interpreting Scripture

- 1. First and foremost, we interpret Scripture with other Scripture.**
The Westminster Confession of Faith 6.004 (see also Second Helvetic Confession 5.001)
If there is a question about the meaning of a passage, the most important step in clarifying the meaning is to find other passages of scripture that speak to the same topic, and to allow the meaning of the unclear passage to be illumined by other and perhaps clearer passages.
- 2. We interpret Scripture with humility about the importance of our own opinion.**
II Helvetic Confession Ch.II 3.010
- 3. We interpret Scripture with respect for the literary and historical context of the passage.**
The Confession of 1967 9.29 (see also Second Helvetic Confession 5.010)
- 4. We have freedom of conscience, and at the same time we respect the guidance of the appropriate council.** Depending upon circumstances, the appropriate council might be the session, the presbytery, synod or General Assembly.
The Westminster Confession of Faith 6.174
The Westminster Confession of Faith 6.109
- 5. Our interpretation is guided by the love of Christ.**
Scots Confession 3.19

Reformed Guidelines for Biblical Interpretation (and Scriptural Authority)

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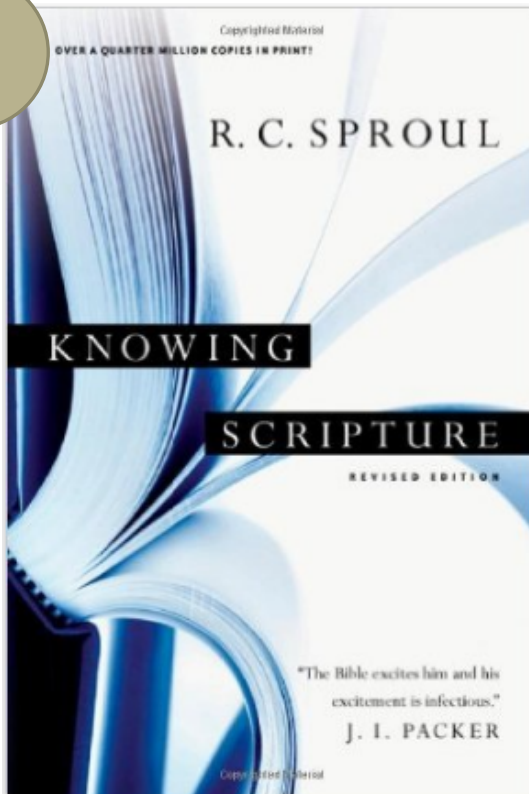
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How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth: Fourth Edition, by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart

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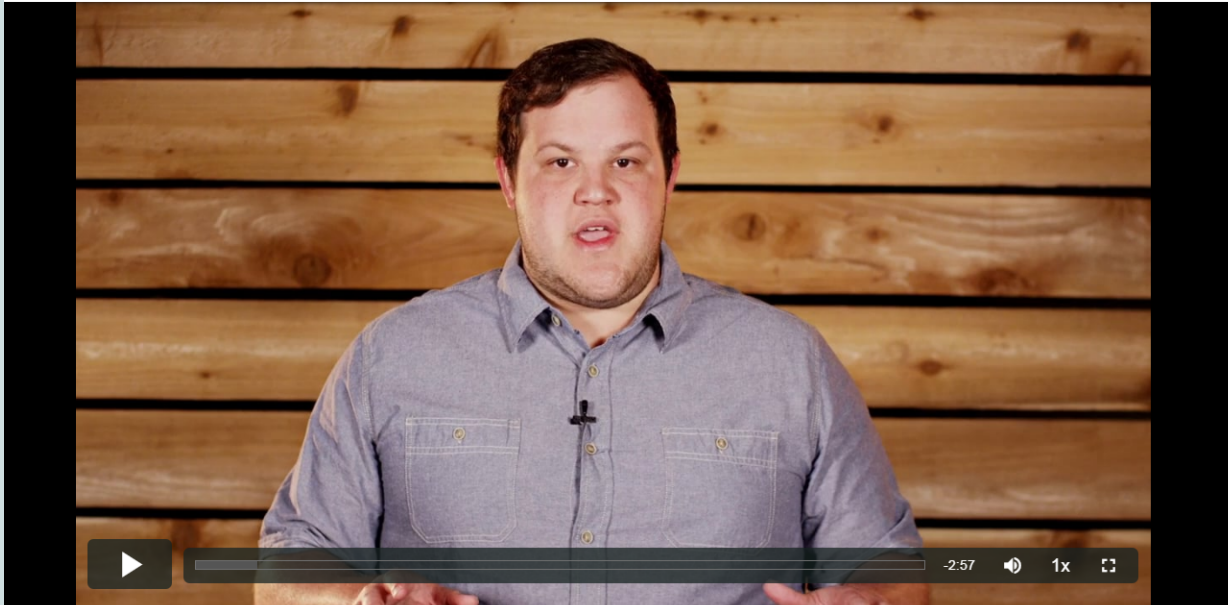
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Knowing Scripture, by
R.C. Sproul

“The single best lay-
person’s guide to
exegesis and
hermeneutics.”

– *MDPC’s Exec Pastor,*
Dave Steane



Could That Be Heresy? | 2:57



What is heresy? Kyle Worley, Institute Minister at The Village Church in Dallas, shares with small group leaders what heresy is and how to lovingly respond to group members who may make heretical or biblically inaccurate statements.

VIDEO CLIP: *“COULD
THAT BE HERESY?”*

Video Link:

[https://rightnowmedia.org/
Content/VideoElement/123111](https://rightnowmedia.org/Content/VideoElement/123111)

DELIVERY RESOURCES

“Does anyone else have a thought on the topic?”

“Thank you for your thoughts, but I think what the text is saying is...”

“What you said is an interesting thought, but I think the Scriptures lead us to believe...”

MEMORY VERSE

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APPLYING THE LESSON TO YOUR LIFE

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” – 2 Timothy 2:15

APPLYING THE LESSON TO YOUR LIFE

**What guides you in
deciding whether or not
a viewpoint expressed in
a book or by a person is
biblically sound?**