

# *What is Dispensationalism? Conference*

## HERMENEUTICS: Methods of Bible Interpretation

- I. The purpose of interpretation
  - A. Immediate purpose
  
  - B. Ultimate purpose
  
- II. The three main questions
  - A.
  
  - B.
  
  - C.
  
- III. Literal, grammatical, historical interpretation
  - A. Literal
  
  - B. Grammatical
  
  - C. Historical
  
- IV. The need for interpretation
  - A. The gap that exists
  
  - B. Literary contextual barriers
    - 1. Grammar...
  
    - 2. Genre:...
  
    - 3. Idioms...

C. Historical contextual barriers

1. Author...

2. Specific...

3. Time...

4. Geo-political...

5. Cultural...

D. Function of the historical context

V. Laying the proper foundation

A. Inspiration

B. Infallibility

C. Inerrancy

D. Authority

E. Sufficiency

VI. Basic principles of interpretation

A. Read the Bible...

B. Compare Scripture...

C. Grammar determines...

D. Broad context determines...

- E. Immediate context establishes
- F. Interpret all genres...
- G. Always keep...

VII. Interpretive questions

- A. What was the author's...
- B. What response...
- C. What did the writer...
- D. Why did the author...
- E. How has this word...
- F. Can this word or concept...
- G. Should this word or concept...

VIII. The role of the Holy Spirit

- A. To help us see...
- B. To enable us to accept...
- C. To enable us to grasp...
- D. To persuade us to apply...
- E. To help us discern...