

An Orthodox Approach to Reading the Bible

The Purpose of Scripture

- 2 Timothy 3: 10-17 - to make one wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus

The Christological Hermeneutic

- Luke 24:1-29 - Jesus' teaching on the Day of Resurrection to his disciples and apostles on how he is the fulfillment of the Law, the Psalms, and the Prophets.

The Apostolic Application of the Christological Hermeneutic

- Acts 2:14-41 - The Sermon at Pentecost
- Acts 3:1-26 - The Lame Beggar Healed
- Acts 7:1-53 - The Stoning of Stephen
- Acts 9:19-22 - The Preaching of Saul (Paul)
- I Corinthians 10:1-11 - The Rock was Christ

The Two Senses of Scripture

- Literal
- Spiritual

The Four Layers of Scripture

- Literal/Historical - What does this passage teach us about what happened?
- Christological/Allegorical - What does this passage teach us about Christ?
- Moral/Tropological - What does this passage teach us about how to live?
- Eschatological/Anagogical - What does this passage teach us about what is to come?
- Examples from Scripture:
 - *Creation* - Reciprocal role between Scripture and worship and how the two inform one another.
 - *Genesis 6-9* - The story of the Flood and what it says about what lies ahead.
 - *Genesis 22* - The testing of Abraham and the foreshadowing of the Cross.
 - *Exodus 1* - Shiprah and Puah and our struggle with the passions.
 - *Exodus 15* - The waters of Marah and the preaching of the Apostles.
 - *Exodus 17* - Israel's battle with the Amalekites and our struggle with the passions.

Scripture in Tradition

Not Scripture and Tradition or Scripture vs. Tradition.