

# *Exegesis and Exposition:*

Observation: Part Four

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## An Overview of Exegesis

- 1) Preparation
- 2) Observation
- 3) Interpretation
- 4) Meditation
- 5) Evaluation

# Six Steps in Observing the Text

(The Most Time-Consuming Part of Exegesis)

- 1) Get the Big Picture
- 2) Identify Paragraph/Teaching text
- 3) Analyze Syntax
- 4) Analyze Words
- 5) Observe Tone
- 6) Formulate a Tentative Theme of the Text

## Interpretation

Interpretation seeks to answer the question:

*What does the text*

*MEAN?*

There Are Six Steps of Interpretation

### 3. “Scripture Interprets Scripture”

<sup>14</sup> What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! <sup>15</sup> For He says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” <sup>16</sup> So then it *does not depend* on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy. <sup>17</sup> For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate My power in you, and that My name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth.” <sup>18</sup> So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires.

**Romans 9:14-18**

### “Scripture Interprets Scripture”

<sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him;<sup>13</sup> for “Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup> How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!”

**Romans 10:11-14**

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*“You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone.”*  
James 2:24

*“For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the law.”*  
Romans 3:28

These must both be true! And they are! James and Paul when carefully read will be found to be in agreement with one another!

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## Restate the Theme

The Theme can also be called  
The Central Proposition of the Text.

Philippians 1:12-18 Preliminary theme

“My circumstances have turned out for the progress of the gospel.”

In light of circumstances: how does this change?

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Though Paul is in chains, the gospel is advancing!



## *The Purpose of the Text*

“We find the purpose of the text by asking the following questions:

*On what basis of the central proposition of this text, what does God want His people to understand and obey?*

*What did he want the Philippians to understand and obey?*

*Don't be discouraged by opposition or apparent setbacks!  
The Gospel is unstoppable, so keep proclaiming it! Stay faithful!*

*Purpose: To challenge believers to persevere in proclaiming the gospel*