

The five questions addressed in this Bible study are:
2 Peter 3:18, 2:20 , 1:2, 1:3 ; John 17:3 ; Phil 3:8,10

True Knowledge

A) How do each of these qualities (2Pet 1:5-7) contribute to our knowledge of Christ?

2. What new light do I find in this particular reading of this passage of the text? (NEW LIGHT)

The focus here is on YOUR new insight, observation, or understanding during this particular reading of this passage on this particular occasion.

3. Is this passage true to my experience? (TRUTH)

Our spiritual journeys are ``experimental" as we search toward fuller understanding. Recognition that our present understanding of the passage is not consistent with our experience may require deeper study of the meaning of the Bible passage, or recognition that our spiritual life is growing and changing.

4. What are the implications of this passage for my life? (IMPLICATIONS)

B. What will having this true knowledge do for us??

The center of the question is, "What difference, if any, does the passage make for my life?" It brings the daily living practices to our attention; faith and action/works is central to our walking in the Spirit.

5. What problems do I have with this passage? (PROBLEMS)

Here we identify problems of language in the text, of interpretation, of meaning, or of applying the text to our lives. Problems can be identified without being solved. Like life, understanding is never complete at any one time. It is a continuing dialogue between the text and life.