

BIBLE INTERPRETATION #8  
CROSS REFERENCES

**Resolution #28 - “Resolved, to study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently, as that I may find, and plainly perceive, myself to grow in the knowledge of the same.”**

– Jonathan Edwards

Proof texting – To pull Scriptures or pieces of Scripture out of context to prove or support a preconceived notion or belief.

**HERMENEUTICAL RULE #9: A doctrine cannot be considered biblical unless it sums up and includes all that the Scriptures say about it.**

If a doctrinal assumption conflicts with other clear biblical teachings, it is safe to say you should reconsider

**HERMENEUTICAL RULE #10: Clearer passages of Scripture are always used to clarify more obscure passages, never vice versa.**

Always simplify. Use the known to bring the unknown into perspective.

1 Corinthians 15:29 – Does this passage bring any clarity to baptism?

**HERMENEUTICAL RULE #11: An implied teaching may be considered biblical when a comparison of related passages supports it.**

Compare those hard to understand passages with other passages that deal with similar subject matter. Make certain you are not forcing the similarities.

Practice:

1 Corinthians 14

Is there any reason to believe that Paul was referring to unintelligible languages?

1 Corinthians 13:1

Romans 8:26

Acts 2:1-13 (*glōssa*) languages

Revelation 5:9; 7:9; 10:11; 11:9; 13:7; 14:6

Biblical accounts of the “gift of languages” was always demonstrated among Jewish gatherings. Could the spiritual “gift of languages” possibly be a sign for unbelieving Jews?

*“You are undermining the element of wonder and mystery”*

What is more wonderful and mysterious, that God can cause simple men to speak the glorious news of Jesus Christ in foreign languages, or that He can cause them to speak complete nonsense?