

Bible Study 101: Context

"For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God." Acts 20:27
(New King James Version)

The video of the _____ was taken out of context.

Our Responsibility To Carefully Consider All Of The Message

A. Care must be used in handling the word of God:

1. Matthew 4:6 - _____'s quotation from _____ was accurate, but taken out of context.
2. 2 Timothy 2:15 - We must be _____ to _____ divide the word of _____.
3. Acts 20:26,27 - Paul was _____ of the _____ of all because he had not _____ to declare the _____ counsel of God.

B. Consideration of the context is a vital principle:

1. Dungan: "We ought to treat the Bible with as much _____ as we do the _____ of _____."
2. Virkler: "... the primary presupposition ... must be that the _____ of a text is the _____'s intended _____."

Problems That Arise When We Don't Honor The Context

A. Exodus 20:8 - To say that we observe the _____ today takes this passage out of context. We also fail to _____ between the _____ (as noted in a previous lesson).

B. Salvation by faith alone? Examining the context:

1. Romans 4:2-4 - This is often used to claim that we're not _____ by any _____ that man might do.
2. James 2:21-23 - James appeals to the same statement from _____ to teach that _____ must be joined with _____.
3. Romans 6:17,18 - We are set _____ from _____ when we _____ the doctrine we are given by God.

C. Other errors based on violation of the context:

1. 2 Chronicles 7:14,15 - God's promise to _____ prayers in this passage referred to prayers offered in the _____.
2. Joshua 14:9; 23:16 - Did God give the _____ to Israel _____? It is clearly a _____ promise.

D. Matthew 27:5; Luke 10:37 - To join these to make a _____ for people to obey would be a _____ mistake!

1 Peter 4:11 - We must _____ as the _____ of God.

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