He Gave Us Scripture
Study Guide 3.3
Lesson 3: Investigating Scripture
Section 3:Importance

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A. Church History

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REVIEW QUESTIONS

3.3.1 Throughout the history, what has been the attitude of theologians about pursuing the original meaning of Scripture?

3.3.2 What is the name of the early church father who accused the Gnostics of not knowing how to "read Paul," because they did not understand Paul's original meaning?

3.3.3 What term did the theologians from the Middle Ages in Europe use to speak of the original meaning of Scripture?

3.3.4 Thomas Aquinas said, "Thus in Holy Writ no confusion results, for all the senses are founded on one — the \_\_\_\_\_\_ — from which alone can any argument be drawn, and not from those intended in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_."

3.3.5 What is the "grammatico-historical method" of Bible interpretation?

3.3.6 In general, why did the modern schools of literary criticism begin to disregard the original meaning of Scripture in the early 20th century?

3.3.7 What reason did the historians give for disregarding the original meaning of Scripture during the early 20th century?

3.3.8 What reason did the anthropologists give for disregarding the original meaning of Scripture during the early 20th century?

3.3.9 What reason did the psychologists give for disregarding the original meaning of Scripture during the early 20th century?

3.3.10 What reason did the philosophers give for disregarding the original meaning of Scripture during the early 20th century?

3.3.11 By the middle of the twentieth century, many interpreters ignored the ancient writers and audiences and focused entirely on the \_\_\_\_\_\_.

3.3.12 Who were the "structuralists"?

3.3.13 Who were the "reader-response critics"?

3.3.14 In the last decades of the twentieth century, literary critics went so far as to say the meaning of the text itself was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3.3.15 According to the lesson, how far did some literary critics of the last decades of the twentieth century go with regard to the meaning of a biblical text?

3.3.16 In what sense did some literary critics from the last decades of the twentieth century encouraged readers to “deconstruct” ancient texts?

3.3.17 According to the Reformers, what was the only way to avoid the hermeneutical tyranny of church authorities in the interpretation of Scripture?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Why is it important to you personally to learn how to carefully investigate the original meaning of a Bible passage?

2. What habits can you develop to do a more careful investigation of the Scriptures?

3. What is the most important thing you learned in this whole lesson?