Biblical Hermeneutics

The teaching of Immanuel Bible Church is based on an interpretation of the Scripture that is:

- 1. Normal
- 2. Literal
- 3. Grammatical
- 4. Historical
- 5. Systematic

Some definitions:

Biblical Hermeneutics

Biblical exegesis

Biblical eisegesis

Biblical significance

"Standard" in Greek Means a form or a pattern. (Perhaps we can think of it as a "sketch" of an architect's blueprint. These are like the "plates" from which our money is printed.)

Normal

Literal

Grammatical

Historical

Systematic

Dangers of not using a sound/standardized hermeneutical approach:

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- 1. The authority transfers from the text to the interpreter.
- 2. The Scripture itself is not being interpreted but rather what the interpreter thinks.
- 3. One is left without any means by which the conclusions of the interpreter may be tested.
- 4. There is no mechanism to control the imagination of the interpreter.

Suggestions for further study:

Literal vs. "dynamic equivalent" versions of Scripture NASB and ESV versus NLT and The Message

Bible study resources/commentaries
Bible Knowledge Commentary
MacArthur Study Bible
Precept Austin website
Logos bible software

Take Aways:

Surrender

Engage

Defend