

Thoughts on Interpretation

- Authority and Meaning
 - Wittmer's Challenge
 - Yale Postliberal Theologians (Lindbeck/Frei)
 - Culture/Language game (Wittgenstien)
 - Postconservative Evangelicals (Stan Grenz/John Franke)
 - Truth and meaning are Participatory/Socially-linguistically constructed/Narrative/Pragmatic

- Challenges of Biblical Interpretation
 - Distance of Time
 - Cultural Distance
 - Geographical Distance
 - Distance of Language

- Eternal Relevance and the Goal of Hermeneutics

Important Aspects of the Interpreter

- Qualifications
 - Faith
 - Obedience
 - Illumination
 - Part of Christ's Church
 - Appropriate Methods

- Presuppositions
 - The Nature of the Bible
 - The Nature of the Interpreter
 - Methodology

- Preunderstandings
 - Testing Preunderstandings
 - Preunderstandings change with understanding
 - Preunderstandings and objectivity in Interpretation

Goals of Interpretation

- Textual Meaning (is this all there is?)
- Reader-response Interpretation (Is there a legitimate way to think of this?)
- Validating our interpretation (How do we do it?)