

Mount Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

Personal Bible Study

Lesson 4 Correlation

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Correlation is when you use scripture to support scripture. With correlation we can see what other scripture says about the text you are studying. This is also called **cross reference**.

Supporting scripture must support the same thought of the text that you are studying.

Just because scripture shares some of the same word does not mean they share the same context.

Some Bibles contain correlation or cross reference scriptures near the passage you are reading.

Richard Mayhue says in his book, “How to Study the Bible”:

“Correlation allows us to see the part (the text we study) in the light of the whole (the entire Bible). It provides the way to gain a proper biblical perspective – to major on the majors and minor on minors. Once the whole is understood, the part will take on added meaning.”

Put it to work!

Let's look again at Psalm 13.

John 3:16

Questions

Find correlating/cross reference scripture to support the meaning of each given passage. Read each supporting scripture.

1. Romans 8:28
2. Romans 3:23
3. Psalm 23:1
4. John 14:6
5. What is another term for correlation?
6. Where can you find cross reference scripture?