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Inerrancy and Hermeneutics

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I. Background Information: The Confessional position..

II. Introductory notes (brief)

- A. Definition...Hermeneutics--the science and art of interpretation.
- B. Importance
- C. Four basic principles
- D. The hermeneutical quandary....
- E. And, a basic resultant thought...for any one passage there is but one interpretation although there may be many applications which in the mind of some are "intepretations."

III. The Present Trouble...

- A. The Reformation concept...Scripture interpreting Scripture...has made a "box" that "fences in" the mold of evangelical thought.
- B. The serious way in which Bible writerrrs view other Bible writers allows little room for self-contradiction and/or dispensing of difficult ideas.
- C. Attempted solution: Remove the great concepts of inerrancy by interpreting the claim passages in a non-inerrant way.
  - 1. To do this...one must account for the statements of the Lord Jesus Christ...three suggestions are often given...
  - 2. One must find a sufficient amount of Biblical material that is culturally oriented to allow the undermining of the fabric of the rest.
  - 3. One must demonstrate a lack of integrity in the basic assignments of Bible claims and postures
- D. Some honest complications
  - 1. Interpretation is a must
  - 2. Things do originate in a cultural setting
- E. Some basic dangers: Chiefly the danger of stagnation and the opposite force of being carried away.

IVI. Some proposals:

- A. The unique character of the Bible cannot be sacrificed.
- B. This unique character makes alleviation of some of the cultural relatives and absolutes possible.
- C. The Bible is to be continuously studied in the light of its owns representation.
- D. Both practice and possession are needed for our health and growth.