

### Can We Understand the Bible Alike?

When people understand the Bible, they understand it alike. All who understand Genesis 1:1 agree that that it teaches that God is the Creator. If I say “I interpret that verse to mean that an angel created all things,” then my interpretation is wrong—I have not understood that verse. There is only one way to *understand* that verse, and if we understand it at all, then we have the same understanding.

“Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” (Ephesians 5:17). Is God’s will for you different than it is for me on the subject of Jesus’ deity, faith, baptism, true worship, or the organization of the family? Is God pleased if we just “agree to disagree” on these subjects and continue teaching and practicing different things?

Satan is fooling people into believing that we cannot understand the Bible alike. This is one reason why there are so many different kinds of churches. If we all understand the Bible, would we have different teachings and practices? No, the same teachings *in every church* would unite us (1 Cor. 4:17). If we understand the Bible and obey it, unity will be the result. That is our goal—is it yours? Write and tell us!