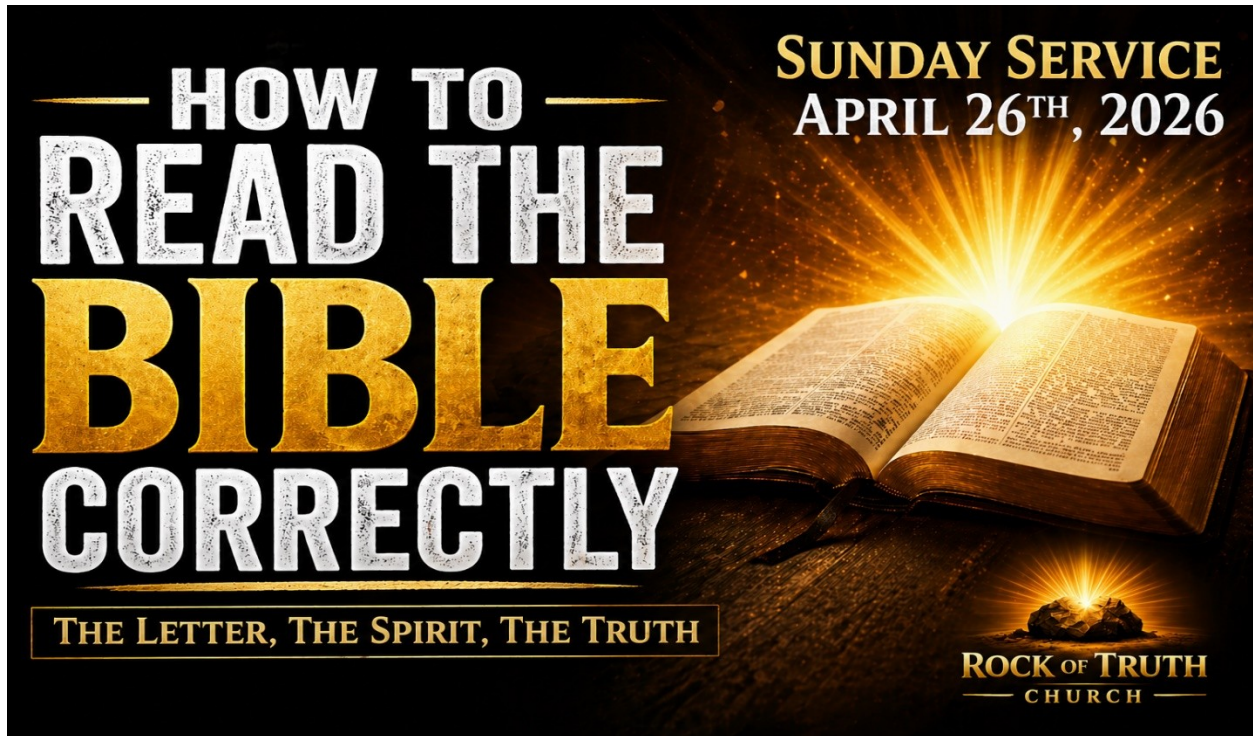


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**Sunday Service Guide 001**

**How to Read the Bible Correctly**

**The Letter • The Spirit • The Truth**

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## Opening Notice

This Sunday Service Guide is an official church educational publication of Rock of Truth Church.

It has been prepared for spiritual study, reflection, and instruction and is designed to accompany the live Sunday Service teaching.

This guide is intended to help students follow along with the lesson, review the teaching afterward, and deepen their understanding of the spiritual principles presented.

At Rock of Truth Church, we believe that spiritual understanding grows through study, meditation, and proper interpretation.

This guide is not merely for reading.

It is for awakening.

## Lesson Overview

This Sunday Service Guide establishes the foundational method by which Rock of Truth Church approaches the reading and interpretation of Scripture.

Before beginning the Genesis teaching series, it is necessary to establish how Scripture is read, how spiritual meaning is revealed, and how truth is understood.

This lesson introduces the interpretive method used in all Rock of Truth Church teachings:

### **The Letter Reads**

What is written.

### **The Spirit Reveals**

What it means.

## **The Truth Is**

What is understood.

This lesson serves as the foundation for all future Sunday Service teachings.

## **Core Definitions**

### **The Letter**

The letter is the written form of Scripture.

It is the visible text.

It is the historical language and the literal words on the page.

The letter is where all reading begins.

But it is not where understanding ends.

### **Spirit**

The Spirit is the inward meaning behind the written words.

The Spirit reveals what the letter cannot explain by itself.

The Spirit is the living interpretation.

It is the life within the words.

### **Truth**

Truth is realized understanding.

Truth is what becomes clear when the Spirit reveals meaning.

Truth is revelation.

### **Awareness**

Awareness is inner perception.

It is spiritual seeing.

It is the recognition of truth when light enters the mind.

### **Consciousness**

Consciousness is the inward field of thought, perception, and spiritual development.

Much of Scripture reflects different states of consciousness.

**Allegory**

An allegory is a symbolic narrative that conveys deeper spiritual meaning beyond the literal story.

Scripture itself confirms the use of allegory.

**Parable**

A parable is a teaching story used to reveal spiritual truth.

Jesus regularly taught in parables.

**Light**

Light represents spiritual understanding

Light represents illumination.

Light represents clarity.

Where there is light, understanding follows

# Scripture Foundations

At Rock of Truth Church, our Sunday Service teachings are built upon Scripture as the foundation of all spiritual instruction.

For our public readings and study guides, we use the **American Standard Version (ASV)** of the Holy Bible, a public domain translation used for educational and spiritual study.

Scripture is presented here under fair use for the purpose of religious instruction, study, commentary, and teaching.

Below are the foundational Scriptures for this lesson, along with their metaphysical breakdowns.

## **1 Corinthians 3:16 (ASV)**

**“Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”**

### **Metaphysical Breakdown**

The temple is not merely an external structure.

The temple represents the inner sanctuary of consciousness.

Spirit dwelling within means divine intelligence is already present in the individual.

This changes the direction of spiritual seeking.

Instead of searching outwardly for God, the student learns to awaken inwardly.

### **Key Principle**

The true church begins within.

## **Matthew 18:3 (ASV)**

**“Verily I say unto you, Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.”**

### **Metaphysical Breakdown**

The child symbolizes openness, receptivity, and freedom from fixed conditioning.

To become as a child means to return to an unburdened mental state capable of receiving truth.

The kingdom of heaven is not merely a distant place.

It is a state of consciousness.

### **Key Principle**

Truth enters through openness.

## **Romans 12:2 (ASV)**

**“And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...”**

### **Metaphysical Breakdown**

Renewing the mind means restructuring thought patterns.

The world conditions the mind into habit, fear, and limitation.

Spiritual transformation requires new inner patterns.

The mind must be renewed for higher understanding.

### **Key Principle**

Transformation begins in thought.

## **John 4:24 (ASV)**

**“God is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”**

## **Metaphysical Breakdown**

God is not confined to form.

Spirit is invisible life, intelligence, and presence.

To worship in Spirit and Truth means to seek understanding beyond form and appearance.

True worship is conscious alignment.

## **Key Principle**

God is understood inwardly.

## **1 John 1:5 (ASV)**

**“God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”**

## **Metaphysical Breakdown**

Light represents illumination.

Darkness represents ignorance or lack of understanding.

God as light means divine intelligence brings clarity.

Where light enters, confusion leaves.

## **Key Principle**

Light is understanding.

## **John 14:6 (ASV)**

**“I am the way, and the truth, and the life...”**

## **Metaphysical Breakdown**

Truth is not merely information.

Truth is living realization.

The “way” represents process.

The “life” represents active spiritual expression.

Truth is experiential.

### **Key Principle**

Truth must be lived.

## **2 Corinthians 3:6 (ASV)**

**“For the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.”**

### **Metaphysical Breakdown**

The letter represents surface-level reading.

The Spirit represents inner meaning.

Without interpretation, words remain external.

With spiritual understanding, words become living truth.

### **Key Principle**

Meaning gives life to the text.

## **John 7:24 (ASV)**

**“Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment.”**

### **Metaphysical Breakdown**

Appearance is surface perception.

Righteous judgment is deeper discernment.

Spiritual understanding requires looking beyond appearances into meaning.

This becomes a core rule of interpretation.

### **Key Principle**

Do not stop at appearances.

### **Matthew 13:34 (ASV)**

**“All these things spake Jesus in parables unto the multitudes...”**

#### **Metaphysical Breakdown**

Parables are symbolic teaching forms.

Jesus taught through hidden layers of meaning.

Parables train the student to seek beyond the literal story.

#### **Key Principle**

Truth is often hidden in story.

### **Galatians 4:24 (ASV)**

**“Which things contain an allegory...”**

#### **Metaphysical Breakdown**

Allegory confirms symbolic interpretation.

Scripture itself authorizes deeper meaning beyond literal history.

Allegory reveals inward principles.

#### **Key Principle**

The Bible speaks symbolically.

### **Genesis 1:1–3 (ASV)**

**“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.**

**And the earth was waste and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep: and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.**

**And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.”**

## **Metaphysical Breakdown**

The beginning is the beginning of awareness.

The earth represents consciousness.

Waste and void represent unformed understanding.

Darkness represents ignorance.

The Spirit moving represents divine activity within.

Light represents illumination.

Understanding begins when light enters consciousness.

## **Key Principle**

Genesis begins within.

# Sunday Service Follow-Along Guide

This section is designed to help you follow along with the Sunday Service teaching as it is presented.

Each section in this guide follows the same order as the live lesson and the video replay.

As you listen, use this guide to track the progression of the teaching, take notes, mark key principles, and reflect on the Scriptures being explained.

The purpose of this guide is not simply to repeat the sermon—  
but to strengthen understanding.

At Rock of Truth Church, we believe spiritual understanding grows through:  
study,  
reflection,  
meditation,  
and proper interpretation.

As you follow along, remember the method:

## **The Letter Reads**

What is written.

## **The Spirit Reveals**

What it means.

## **The Truth Is**

What is understood.

Do not rush through the material.

Take your time.

Read slowly.

Think deeply.

Allow the teaching to unfold step by step.

Truth is often revealed gradually.

Light comes in order.

And understanding grows by degrees.

Use this guide during the live service, during replay, or in personal study afterward.

Return to it often.

Mark it.

Study it.

Meditate on it.

And allow the light of understanding to continue unfolding within you.

**Key Reminder:**

We do not read merely to gather information.

We read to awaken understanding.

## **Section One — You Are the Temple**

**Scripture says:**

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”

(1 Corinthians 3:16)

The church is not merely a building.

The church begins within.

This changes how we approach spiritual teaching.

We are not coming to an external place to find God.

We are awakening to the presence of God already within.

The temple is the individual.

The sanctuary is consciousness.

This understanding shifts spiritual study from outward religion to inward awakening.

**Key Principle:**

God is not distant.

God is present within.

## **Section Two — The True Beginning**

Genesis begins with the words:

“In the beginning...”

Most people understand this only as the beginning of the world.

But there is a deeper meaning.

The true beginning is the beginning of awareness.

The beginning of understanding.

The beginning of illumination.

Spiritual life begins when awareness begins.

Before awareness, consciousness remains dark.

Unformed.

Unclear.

Genesis introduces the process by which understanding begins to unfold.

**Key Principle:**

The beginning begins within.

## **Section Three — Become As A Child**

Jesus taught:

“Except ye be converted, and become as little children...”

This is not speaking about physical age.

It speaks about the condition of the mind.

A child approaches with openness.

Without rigid assumptions.

Without fixed conclusions.

Spiritual understanding requires this same openness.

A mind already filled with rigid ideas struggles to receive new light.

To renew the mind is to create room for truth.

### **Key Principle:**

Truth enters where the mind is open.

## **Section Four — God Defined**

Scripture defines God as:

Spirit

Light

Truth

God is not merely an external being.

God is Spirit.

God is living intelligence.

God is illumination.

God is truth itself.

To worship God in Spirit and Truth is to seek understanding beyond appearances.  
This becomes essential for interpreting Scripture.

**Key Principle:**

God is not merely observed.

God is understood.

## **Section Five — The Letter Killeth**

Scripture says:

“The letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life.”

This means that words alone do not produce understanding.

Words can be read.

Words can be memorized.

Words can be repeated.

But unless their meaning is revealed, they remain external.

The Spirit reveals the life within the words.

The Spirit gives understanding.

**Key Principle:**

Do not stop at the written form.

Seek the meaning.

## **Section Six — How We Read Scripture**

At Rock of Truth Church, our interpretive framework is:

The Letter Reads  
What is written.

The Spirit Reveals  
What it means.

The Truth Is  
What is understood.

This method helps us move from text into understanding.

From appearance into meaning.

From words into truth.

This framework will be used throughout all future Sunday teachings.

**Key Principle:**

Reading begins at the letter but moves into Spirit.

## **Section Seven — Scripture Speaks in Parables**

Jesus taught through parables.

Scripture declares the use of allegory.

This confirms that Scripture is often written symbolically.

Parables and allegories invite deeper understanding.

They are not merely stories.

They are vehicles of revelation.

### **Key Principle:**

Truth is often hidden beneath the story.

## **Section Eight — The Bible Is Threefold**

The Bible has three levels:

Body — History

Soul — Moral teaching

Spirit — Divine meaning

History matters.

Moral instruction matters.

But spiritual meaning reveals the deepest truth.

The student must learn to move through all three levels.

### **Key Principle:**

Truth is deepest in the Spirit.

## **Section Nine — The Story Is You**

The Bible is not merely the story of others.

It reflects the journey of consciousness.

Creation.

Fall.

Restoration.

These patterns repeat within spiritual development.

Scripture becomes personal when understood inwardly.

Key Principle:

The Bible reflects your spiritual journey.

## **Section Ten — Let There Be Light**

“Let there be light.”

Light represents understanding.

Before reading Scripture, we prepare inwardly for light.

We seek illumination.

We seek understanding.

And when understanding comes, light has entered.

Key Principle:

Light is spiritual understanding.

## Study Reflection Questions

1. What is the difference between the letter and the Spirit?
2. Why did Jesus teach through parables?
3. What role does allegory play in Scripture?
4. What does light symbolize in Genesis?
5. How does Scripture reflect consciousness?
6. How can reading spiritually change understanding?

## **Personal Notes**

What stood out to you in this lesson?

What challenged your previous understanding?

What new insight did you receive?

How will you apply this method moving forward?

## **Next Sunday Preview**

Next Sunday we begin:

Genesis Chapter 1

Day One

Verses 1–5

We will begin applying the Rock of Truth Church interpretive method directly to Scripture:

**The Letter Reads**

**The Spirit Reveals**

**The Truth Is**

Step by step.

Day by day.

Light unfolding.

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