

5 Helpful Principles of Interpretation by Heinrich Bullinger (paraphrased)

Sound interpretations:

1. Do not contradict 'the received articles of our faith contained in the Apostles Creed and other confessions of the ancient fathers'
2. Honour the great command, leading toward love of God and neighbour
3. Consider the surrounding context of the passage
4. Look to other passages on the same topic so that the clearer helps illuminate the more obscure
5. Require that we love God and seek his will and glory

The Holy Spirit is the one who ultimately helps us understand the wisdom and will of God.

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." (Psalm 119:105)