**4 Practical Rules for Interpretation**

**Review:** Three Primary Principles of Interpretation:

1) The Analogy of Faith = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2) The Literal Sense = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3) The Grammatical-Historical Method = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Practical Rules for Interpretation**

1) Read the Bible like any other book.

2) Read the Bible Existentially.

Martin Luther “*When you open the book containing the gospels and read how Christ comes here or there, or how someone is brought to him, you should therein perceive the sermon or the gospel through which he is coming to you, or you are being brought to him. For the preaching of the gospel is nothing other that Christ coming to us, or we being brought to him*.”

3) Interpret the Historical Narrative by the Didactic

4) Interpret the Implicit by the Explicit.

**Mark 12:25** For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

5) Determine Carefully the Meaning of Words.

**πνεῦμα** (pneuma) = spirit, Spirit, wind, breath, inner life (330 times)