**Where and How does one begin a Study of the Word of God?**

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The question is really self-answering.  Where and how did God begin when He revealed His Word to man?

**The Bones**

God began, at the outset of His Word, by setting forth a skeletal framework of the whole panorama of that which He was about to reveal; and His subsequent revelation would be the sinews, flesh, and skin to cover the bones forming the skeletal framework.  Or, to state the matter another way, God began, at the outset of His Word, by laying a foundational structure, upon which the whole framework of His revelation to man would subsequently be built.

Now, back to the question, Where and how does one begin a study of the Word of God?

There’s only one place and one way to begin.

A person must begin at the beginning.  A person must begin where the foundation has been laid.  A person must begin where the skeletal framework has been given.

In short, a person must begin where God began.  If one begins elsewhere, he will have nothing upon which to build the structure; he will have nothing upon which to attach the sinews, flesh, and skin.

And herein lies the very reason for the vast confusion that presently exists in theological circles today.  Christians have failed to begin with the foundational structure.  They do not know and understand the structure of the Word, set forth at the beginning.  And, as a consequence, they have no bones upon which to place the sinews, flesh, and skin; they have no foundation upon which to build.

**It Simply Can’t Be Done That Way!**

A person doesn’t begin with the gospels (except perhaps John, which parallels Genesis [refer to the [Foreword](http://www.koffeekupkandor.com/the-study-of-scripture.php#Foreword) in this book]) or the Pauline or general epistles.  These are not beginning points.  Rather, these parts of Scripture have to do with the structure being built upon the foundation.  These parts of Scripture have to do with the sinews, flesh, and skin being placed on the bones.

The beginning point was given through Moses.  The foundational outline, the skeletal framework, was set forth at the very beginning, in the opening section of Genesis.  And it is here that one must begin if he is to begin correctly.  He must understand the foundational beginning of the matter first if he is to properly understand that which is subsequently built upon the foundation.

To further complicate matters in Christendom as it exists in the world today, many Bible teachers [probably most], when dealing with [Genesis 1](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1&t=NKJV), teach that this chapter has to do with creation alone.  Such a teaching destroys the septenary structure and foundational aspects of Scripture at the outset.

Suffice it to say, understanding [Genesis 1:1-2:3](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.1-2.3&t=NKJV) any way other than Creation, Ruin, Restoration, and Rest — showing a septenary structure and providing a foundation for all that follows — is not possible if Scripture is allowed to interpret itself by comparing Scripture with Scripture.