

Scripture:

1. What does it SAY?

C What is the **CONTEXT**?

What is the historical and cultural context? Who is the author, who is he writing to and what is the major theme of the book / letter? What kind of literature is it - narrative, poetry, wisdom, gospel, epistle or prophetic?

What is the immediate context? What has been said in the verses, paragraphs and chapters that precede and follow in relation to your text?

A **ANALYZE** the flow of thought

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P What **PROBLEMS** do you need to solve?

What questions do you have? Is there anything you don't understand?

E What is being **EMPHASIZED**?

Words, phrases, themes that are repeated or emphasized

R Check **REFERENCES**

Cross references (relevant verses)

References from commentaries

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S **SUMMARIZE** the author's main point in one or two sentences

2. What does it say about GOD?

C What does it say about God's **CHARACTER**?

What do you learn about what God is like - His character and attributes?

C What does it say about God's **CONDUCT**?

What do you see God doing in this passage?

C What does it say about God's **COMMANDS**?

What commandments and instructions are there in this passage?

3. What does it say about US?

C What does it say about our **CONDITION**?

What does it say about man's state outside of Christ?

C What does it say about our **CHARACTER** and **CRAVINGS**?

What does it say about our nature, what we are like and the things we desire and live for?

C What does it say about our **CONDUCT**?

What does it say about our habits, what we do and what we fail to do?

4. What has GOD DONE?

Focus on the Gospel. When we study this passage through the lens of Jesus' death & resurrection to atone for our sin and give eternal life, what do you see?

T What **TRUTHS** do we see God teaching?

A What **ACTIONS** do we see God taking?

P What **PROMISES** do we see God making?

5. What must WE DO?

C What truths and sins do I need to **CONFESS**?

Truths to believe

Sins to confess

A How should this shape my **AFFECTIONS** and my **ACTIONS**?

How does this text affect and change my nature, what I am like, and what things I desire and live for? How does it affect my habits and actions?

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P What should I **PRAISE** and thank God for?

E What promises do those in Christ now **ENJOY** and rest in?

R How should I **RELATE** to God and others?

S **SUMMARIZE** your CONCLUSIONS and COMMITMENTS

Prayer:
