INTRO: Of all the rules of study the most important is to take careful note of the context in which a statement is made. Most words & phrases are capable of carrying more than one meaning—and nothing has greater bearing on the meaning of a writer or speaker than the setting or context in which he says a certain thing.

ILLUSTRATE: Mn in court seeking to collect damages for an accident. Lawyer: “Isn’t it true that at the time of the accident you said you weren’t hurt?”

I. 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16 (vs. 17) John 5:28-29.

II. JAMES 2:10 (vs. 11)
   Illustrate: Man who went away & left instructions to his son. Build house here, barn here, well here, garden here.

III. GALATIANS 3:26 (vs. 27-29).

IV. I CORINTHIANS 1:41 (vs. 15, then larger context, 11-17).

V. I Corinthians 6:12 (vs. 13a).
   Compare 1 Cor. 10:23-26

VI. ECCLESIASTES 9:5 (vs. 6)

VII. I CORINTHIANS 11:20 (vs. 21-22).
La Porte, TX, April 30, 1978
Bible Camp, Sabinal, TX, June 20, 1978
Bible Camp, Sabinal, TX, June 12, 1979
Exton, PA, June 1984
Shiloh, Mexia, TX, June 12, 1988 (meeting)
Jonestown, TX, June 18, 1988 (meeting)
Exton, PA, December 17, 1989
Shippensburg, PA, September 23, 1991 (meeting)
Shiloh, Mexia, TX, December 25, 1991 (class)
Pruett & Lobit, Baytown, TX, July 26, 1992
Imhoff Ave., Port Arthur, TX, August 2, 1993 (meeting)
Wrightsville, PA, May 25, 1997
Alief, TX, March 2, 1999 (meeting)
Benchley, Bryan, TX, June 11, 2000 (meeting)
Milton, VT, June 24, 2002 (meeting)
Susquehanna, Marietta, PA, July 18, 2004