

## **“Three Modern Methods of Biblical Interpretation”**

Romans 15:1-4

### ***Historical-Critical Methods***

Seek to determine the author’s intent and what the text meant in its original historical setting.

#### *Theological Basis*

2 Peter 1:20-21: “No prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will. But men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”

### ***Literary Methods***

Seek to determine the meaning of a text’s language and rhetoric within its larger literary context.

#### *Theological Basis*

2 Timothy 3:16: “All scripture is inspired by God.”

### ***Reader-Response Methods***

Seek to determine the meaning of the text in light of the reader’s life experience.

#### *Theological Basis*

Romans 15:4: “Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction.”