RULES FOR STUDY

- 1. The Bible and the Bible only will be the basis of all authority (preferably King James Version). We will use only one translation for ease of discussion.
- 2. We must have, as much as possible, complete frankness and openness; but let us not argue. Rather, let us discuss freely and then study further.
- 3. The study will have priority in our lives; only an emergency will keep us from meeting at our appointed time.
- 4. We will not invite others to join the study until we have completed the series—and then only on mutual consent of all parties involved.
- 5. The teacher promises to endeavor to keep his part of the presentation to one hour—if he stays beyond that, it will be at your request, or because you wish to ask further questions.
- 6. Your questions may not be answered immediately—but they will not be avoided. Write them down; bring them up again later if they are not subsequently answered in the study. If we go on too many tangents, it will be impossible to maintain the chain of thought.
 - 7. We will <u>all</u> learn together; but as the teacher, I must reserve the right to stop a line of discussion when I feel it has been exhausted, is only confusing or is getting us too far off the purpose of the lesson.
- 8. If I teach something you believe to be contrary to God's word, let me be the first to know it—because I'm the gainer (and not the loser) if you are able to help me better understand.
 - 9. Keep notes—no one has a memory equal to God's word. You may want to refer back to the notes when you are in need of teaching others what you have learned.
- 10. Periodically, we shall be evaluating our study together. Are you benefiting? What can be done to improve our study? Are we moving too slowly? Too fast? Etc.
- 11. The teacher's responsibility is to present the truth as clearly as possible; it is your responsibility to accept or reject that teaching, and to confirm it through your own searching of the Scriptures.