

## **Common Misuses of Scripture**

- **Word Fallacy** - Because a word is used in one particular way in one place of Scripture, it must have that meaning in other places where it is used.
- **Inaccurate or Incomplete Quotation** - A Biblical text is referenced but it is either not quoted correctly or is attributed to a wrong text.
- **Ignoring Immediate Context** - A text of Scripture is accurately quoted but is removed from the surrounding verses which form the immediate framework of its meaning.
- **Collapsing Contexts** - Two unrelated texts, which have little or nothing to do with each other, are put together as though they belong together.
- **Overspecification** - Drawing a more detailed or specific conclusion than is really warranted from the Biblical text, i.e. going beyond what the text actually says.
- **Word Play** - A word or a phrase from the Biblical translation is examined and interpreted as if the original revelation had been given in that particular language.
- **Figurative Fallacy** - Mistaking literal language for figurative language or mistaking figurative language for literal language.
- **Speculative Reading in Predictive Prophecy** - Predictive Prophecy is too readily explained by the occurrence of specific events, despite the fact that equally committed Biblical scholars consider the interpretation dubious.
- **Selective Citation of a text** - A single text or a limited number of texts are cited to substantiate an argument in which the greater teaching of Scripture would lead to a different conclusion.