

# Figuratively Speaking

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## Introduction

1. Romans 15:4
2. Figurative language makes our speech more colorful.
3. It helps the author create mental images so that the reader gets a better picture of the point he is painting.
4. Understanding this kind of language helps us have a richer and deeper appreciation of God's Word.
5. Understanding this kind of language helps us have a deeper and richer appreciation of the plan that God designed from the beginning of time.
6. Figurative imagery is used in our Bibles

## II Discussion

1. The book of Revelation is the full of this kind of language Revelation 1:1
2. Jesus used parables to help understand the kingdom of God Matthew 13:3, 24, 31, 33, 44, 45, 47,
  - a. Supposed history to make a point
  - b. He stated why He used this kind of language Matthew 13:10-17
3. Jesus used similes Matthew 23:27
4. The Bible uses allegories
  - a. Galatians 4:24
  - b. Real facts to make a point
5. Jesus also used metaphors Luke 13:31-32; Jeremiah 2:13
6. The use of types and antitypes; images or shadows
  - a. 1 Peter 3:21 is used to help us understand baptism
  - b. Hebrews 10:1 talks of what the Old Testament is compared to the New

## III Conclusion

1. These truths have been painted for us to help us understand what God wants
2. Are you obeying the commands of God
3. The consequences for not obeying God is clearly stated in our Bibles
4. Our prayer and aim is to get all to obey what God commands
5. Will you if you have not this very day

Sources: 2010 MSOP lecture; Hermeneutics by Dungan