

Doctrine

What is your doctrine? I have been asked for Gospel literature, such as tracts, “that contain no doctrine.” This is an impossible request to honor. Why? The Bible is a book of doctrine. For example, John 3:16 is doctrine. Yes, the Bible is filled with doctrine.

Doctrine is a set of beliefs held by an individual, institution, or organization such as a church. The Baptist denomination has a doctrine. The Church of God denomination has a doctrine. Doctrine is the fundamentals of what a person or organization believes. Political parties have doctrine. Thus, Bible doctrine is what one believes about the Bible. What is your doctrine, that is, what do you believe about the Bible?

You may say “I don’t get involved with doctrine.” You may as well say “I don’t know what I believe about the Bible.” II Timothy 3:10 reads “*But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience.*” What are your doctrinal beliefs concerning the Bible? I know what I believe about the Bible and am thankful my forefathers taught me well regarding the Word of God.

We all have been taught something concerning religious beliefs in our church unless we have sat through the services sleeping. Let us look into the Bible and come to an understanding of the importance of knowing what you believe about God’s Word, the Bible.

Jesus’ Doctrine

Matt 7:28-29 “*And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: 29 For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.*”

John 7:16 “*Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.*”

Jesus had a doctrine, a set of beliefs. Do you want to be like Jesus? Then, you had better study the Bible and adopt beliefs from it.

Pharisee's and Sadducee's Doctrine

Matt 16:12 *"Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees."*

The Pharisees and Sadducees had a doctrine. Christ said to stay away from it, for it was *poison* doctrine. If you do not establish in your heart what you believe about the Bible, you will not know poison doctrine when you are confronted with it.

Apostles' Doctrine

Acts 2:42 *"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."*

Rom 6:17 *"But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you."*

Acts 2:42 speaks of the beginning of the church in Jerusalem. What did they believe? What was their doctrine? The apostles taught them their doctrine. So, they adopted the doctrine of the apostles. Who taught you? Does your church have a set of beliefs? If not, find a church that does.

Paul's Doctrine

II Timothy 3:10 *"But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience"*

Paul was the greatest evangelist God ever had. What if someone asked Paul a question about the Bible, and he answered "I don't know the answer. I don't know what I believe." Paul would have seemed foolish.

Devil has a doctrine

His doctrine is Contrary (against) God's Doctrine

Romans 16:17 *"Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."* The Devil's doctrine is *against* the doctrine of the Bible. All his doctrine is lies. Stay away from it!

I Timothy 1:10 *"For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine"*

What is “sound” doctrine? Sound doctrine agrees with the Bible. Sound doctrine is correct doctrine. “Unsound” doctrine is wrong doctrine. If a doctrine does not match the Bible, it is unsound. All the Devil’s doctrine is unsound (wrong).

Wind of Doctrine

Ephesians 4:14 *“That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive”*
There are winds of doctrine blowing in my home town. Cults are everywhere. Likely, wind of doctrine blows where you live. The Devil is busy spreading his doctrine just as the wind blows across the earth.

Doctrine is important

I Timothy 4:13 *“Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.”* You are not complete as an evangelist, preacher, pastor, deacon, or Christian until you establish what you believe. Until such time, be silent.

Where do we find sound doctrine?

The 1611 King James Version Bible

II Timothy 3:16 *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”* Study your Bible. Establish what you believe from your study of the Bible. Then, you can back-up what you believe, using the Bible.

Preach Bible-based doctrine

II Timothy 4:2 *“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”* Why preach heresy? Why preach fables? Some men preach what they dream. Why not preach the Bible?

Understand Bible doctrine will be rejected by many

II Timothy 4:3 *“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears.”* The “time” is now. False religion has never been as widespread as it is now. The world is swimming in unsound doctrine. Each day thousands more turn to unsound doctrine away for the truth.

II John 1:9 “Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.”

Reject those that promote unsound doctrine

II John 1:10 “If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:” Stay away from those who preach and teach doctrine not in line with the King James Bible.

What is your Doctrine?

You must decide, or you cannot be a workman for the Lord.

My Doctrine (partial list)

Hell is a real place burning with fire and brimstone and folk who die without Christ go there

The blood of Christ is the only atonement for sin

Salvation for a sinner is only possible by repentance and faith in Jesus Christ

Christ died on the cross of Calvary to make salvation available to all men, not a select few

The King James Bible is God’s inspired, infallible Word

The Devil is a real person

Salvation is eternal life, not “lost today, saved tomorrow”

Jesus is Coming Soon to gather the redeemed, both living and dead, to heaven

Jesus is coming back to the Earth with the redeemed to rule and reign 1000 years

Tongue has 2 meanings in the Bible- an object of flesh in one’s mouth and language and never means unintelligible jabbering

God calls men- not women- to preach the Gospel

The Great Commission rests on the shoulders of the church- GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL