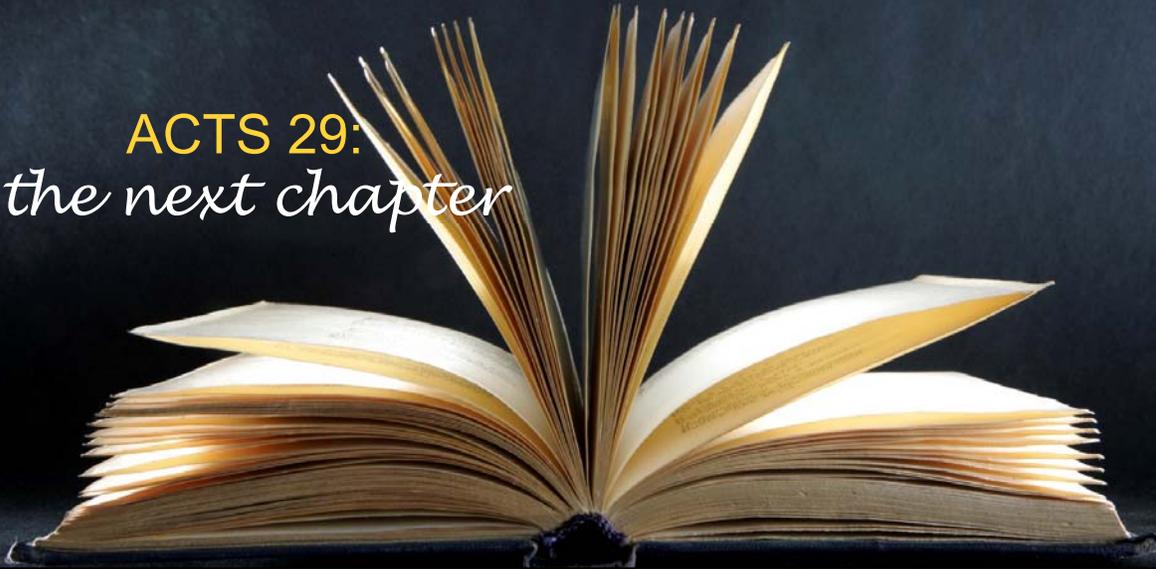


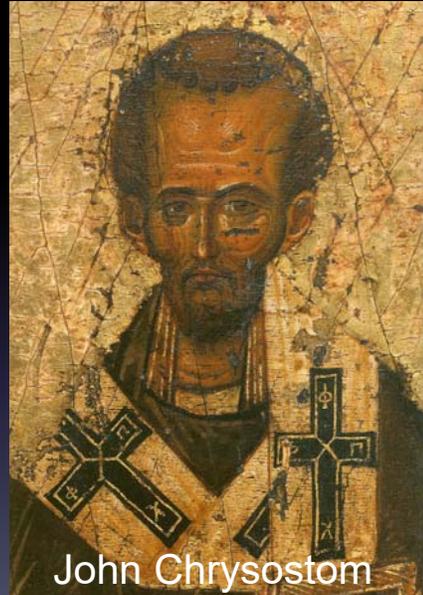
# How big of deal is doctrine anyway?

ACTS 29:  
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**Jude 3** Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

“A little thing, being untowardly mingled, mars all: for as in the king’s coin, he, that clips off but a little of his image, stamped thereon, imbaseth the whole piece; so, if any shall overthrow but the least parcel of the Truth, it is wholly corrupted, from these beginnings proceeding always to worse things. ... If we ever so little sip of the cup of error, we shall drink our full draught; yea, we shall go on carousing, till we be drunk therewith.”



John Chrysostom  
Bishop of Antioch, 386–397

**Jn 7:16** Jesus answered them and said, “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me..

**2 Tim 3:16** All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine

**Eph 4:14** that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine,

**Titus 2:1** But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine:

**1 Tim 4:13,16** give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. ... Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

**Titus 1:9** holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

**2 Tim 4:3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine,

**Acts 15:1-3** And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."  
<sup>2</sup>Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question.

## 1. The expectation of false doctrine

**Mt 7:15** “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

**Mt 24:24** For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

**1 Jn 4:1** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

**2 Pet 2:1** But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies,

## 2. The expression of false doctrine

**Acts 15:1** And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren,

**2 Cor 11:14-15** And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. <sup>15</sup>Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness

**Eph 4:14** that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the **cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting**,

### 3. The expanse of false doctrine

**Gal 2:11-13** Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed; <sup>12</sup>for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision. <sup>13</sup>And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy. <sup>14</sup>But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before them all, "If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews?"

### 4. The explosion of false doctrine

**Acts 15:2-3** Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question.

**Eph 4:14** that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every **wind** of doctrine,

“This was Satan’s answer to Paul’s evangelism: paralyze the church with inward strife, direct all energy against other believers, put the church on the defensive, and keep it squabbling. It is significant that we have no record at this time of further plans for missionary activity and no record of souls being saved at Antioch. Evangelism had come to a halt. Controversy is one of the enemy’s favorite tactics against the church.” John Phillips



## 5. The exposure of false doctrine

Gal 2:11-13 Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face

1 Tim 5:20 Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear.

## 6. The expulsion of false doctrine

**Eph 5:11** And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather **expose** them.

**Rom 16:17** Now I urge you, brethren, **note** those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and **avoid** them.

**Eph 4:14** that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine,

**1 Pet 3:15** But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;