

Don't Deny the Doctrine

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[42] And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43] And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. 44] And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45] And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. 46] And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, 47] Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Acts 2:42-47 KJV

There are 22 foundational doctrines in the scriptures:

1: The belief that The Bible is the divinely inspired inerrant, infallible, unchanging Word of God

Hebrews 4:12 KJV- *[12] For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

2: The Godhead

Colossians 2:9-10 KJV - *9] For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10] And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:*

3: The Virgin Birth of Christ

Matthew 1:23 KJV - *[23] Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.*

4: Total Depravity of all mankind

Romans 3: 23 KJV -*23] For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

5: Repentance

Mark 1:15 KJV - *[15] And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.*

6: Restitution

- **PowerPoint: Restitution** is an act of commutative justice by which exact reparation as far as possible is made for a trespass that has been done to another.

Leviticus 6:4 KJV – *6] Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found,*

7: Justification

Romans 5:1 - *[1] Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

8: Water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ

Mark 16:16 KJV - *[16] He that believeth (and is baptized) shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

Colossians 3:17 KJV - *[17] And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*

9: Holy Communion

1 Corinthians 11:26 KJV - *26] For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.*

10: Sanctification

2 Corinthians 6:17 KJV - *[17] Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*

11: The baptism of the Holy Ghost

Acts 2:3-4 KJV - *[3] And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4] And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

12: Redemption

1 Peter 1:18-21 KJV - *[18] Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19] But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

13: Personal Evangelism

1 Peter 3:15 KJV - *[15] But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:*

14: The sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman.

Genesis 2:21-23 KJV - *23] And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. 24] Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. 25] And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.*

15: The Rapture

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 KJV - *16] For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17] Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

16: The Resurrection of the dead in Christ

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 KJV - *[51] Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, [52] In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

17: The Great Tribulation

Matthew 24:21-22,29-30 KJV - *[21] For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22] And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.*

18: The second coming of Christ

Revelation 19:11-17 KJV - *[11] And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. [12] His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13] And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14] And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen,*

white and clean. 15] And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16] And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS .

19: Christ's Millennial Reign

Revelation 20:6 KJV - *[6] Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*

20: The Great White Throne Judgment

Revelation 20:11-15 KJV - *[11] And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12] And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.*

21: Hell, and the lake of fire

Revelation 20:14-15 KJV - *[14] And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15] And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

22: New heaven and New Earth

Revelation 21:1,3 KJV - *[1] And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 3] And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

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4 pillars of the New Testament Church

- 1: Continuing steadfastly in the Apostles doctrine
- 2: Fellowship
- 3: Breaking of bread
- 4: Prayers

2 Timothy 4:3-4 KJV - [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; 4] And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

- Fables (Greek = Mythos) -an invention of man's imagination.
- **PowerPoint:** Doctrine is: The entire body of essential theological truths that define and describe the gospel message preached and taught by Jesus Christ, the prophets and the Apostles.

You will always end up in error if you only take bits and pieces of the scripture and attempt to draw a conclusion with incomplete information.

Matthew 22:29 KJV - [29] *Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.*

Many people are in spiritual error, moral error, ethical error, political error, simply because they do not know both Old and New Testament to receive God's mind. Jesus himself, repeatedly emphasizes the importance of sound doctrine, and a pattern of sound teaching.

John 7:14-18 KJV - [14] *Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. 15] And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, (gramma = the sacred writings of the Old Testament) having never learned? 16] Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.*

2 Peter 1:20 KJV - [20] *Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation]*

Everything you need to know to get you from earth to glory, to fulfill the will of God for your life, and to know to live Holy is IN THE BIBLE.

John 7: 17 KJV - [17] *If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. 18] He that (speaketh of himself) seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.*

1 Timothy 4:16 KJV - [16] *Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.*

1 Timothy 6:3-5 KJV - [3] *If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, (Christians whose opinions are free of any mixture of error) even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;*

The Bible is the foundation for the spiritual, moral and ethical framework of our lives.

I Timothy 6: 4 KJV - 4] *He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,*

➤ **PowerPoint:** Intellect does not impress God. What pleases God is FAITH.

II: THE APOSTLES AND EARLY SAINTS ASCRIBED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO DOCTRINE.

1: The apostles defended the proclamation of the gospel to the death!

Philippians 1:7 KJV - [7] *Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.*

2: They formulated Christian faith in doctrinal terms, then required its preservation and perpetuation,

Jude 1:3 KJV - [3] *Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*

3: They were adamant about the protection, appropriation, and propagation of doctrine because it contained the truth about Jesus Christ.

Galatians 1:6-9 KJV - [6] *I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7] Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8] But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*

The Apostles encouraged believers to be faithful to the doctrine they heard and received in the beginning, and it is still our continued responsibility to guard the faith, and to stand firm in sound doctrine.

2 Timothy 1:13-14 KJV - [13] *Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. 14] That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.*

Colossians 2:6-8 KJV - [6] *As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7] Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. 8] Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*

The apostle John's three tests for discerning authentic spirituality:

1: Believing right doctrine

1 John 2:18-27 KJV -[18] *Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. [19] They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 20] But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 21] I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22] Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23] Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. 24] Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. 25] And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. 26] These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. 27] But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.*

2: Obedience to right doctrine (2:28-3:10)

1 John 2:28-29 KJV - [28] *And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. 29] If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.*

1 John 3:3-10 KJV - [3] *And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. 4] Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. 5] And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. 6] Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. 7] Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8] He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9] Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10] In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.*

3: Giving expression to right doctrine with love

1 John 2:7-11 KJV - *[7] Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning. 8] Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. 9] He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. [10] He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. 11] But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.*

We must get back to our spiritual foundation of preaching and teaching “*the doctrine*” of Jesus Christ.