



“Doctrine Matters” 1Timothy 1:1-11

Jesus said, “I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” –(Matt16:18) There is not a more exciting, compelling, fulfilling adventure this side of eternity than being a part of a Biblically functioning community that is redeeming, rebuilding and renewing people’s lives. This series will teach us, the church, how to become everything Christ died to make us.

Doctrine Matters because healthy doctrine promotes a healthy faith and a healthy faith is a life of love and a life of love is a life overwhelmed by God’s love.

Author: Apostle Paul (from persecutor of Christians to proclaimer of Christ to his death) v1; Acts9

Audience: Young Pastor Timothy along with Pastors and local churches like DB. v2; 2Tim; Titus

Agenda: How to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress (foundation) of the truth. 1Tim3:15

Doctrine Matters Because...

1) Healthy Doctrine Promotes A Healthy Faith. vv3-4, 10 “sound (healthy) doctrine” (Teachings...of men Mark 7:7-8, ...of demons 1Tim4:1, ...of God John 6:45/1Thess4:9/2Tim3:16-17)

It determines...

- The quality of our relationship with God.
- What you convey to others about God.
- Whether good or bad times make us or break us.

2) A Healthy Faith is a Life of LOVE. v5 (John 13:34-35)

- Pure Heart – no idols
- Good Conscience – no unresolved issues
- Sincere Faith – no pretense

3) A Life of Love is a life overwhelmed by God’s love. vv6-11 (1 Jn4:18-19) There are only two religions: Works vs. Grace (Eph2:8-10)

Works: I obey; therefore, God accepts and blesses me.

Grace: God accepts and blesses me in Christ, therefore I obey.

- The law is the diagnosis of our problem.
- The Glorious Gospel is the cure.
- Grace is celebrated most joyfully when sin is grieved most deeply.

Only those who know that salvation comes by God’s indispensable and costly love, not their works, have an inner dynamic of grateful joy that empowers the greatest loving works.

Growing Notes

- 1) There is not a more exciting, compelling, fulfilling adventure this side of eternity than being a part of a Biblically functioning community that is redeeming, rebuilding and renewing people’s lives (Matt16:18). Explain. Do you think most American Christians reflect this value of the local church family? Why or why not? If they did what would their life look like?
- 2) Read 1 Timothy 1:1-11. What stands out to you from this text? Who’s the author (v1)? Audience (v2)? What’s the Agenda (1Tim3:15)? What is Paul urging Timothy to do (v3)? What’s the aim of the charge (v5)? What does Paul say about the law (v8) and who is the law for (vv9-10)? What will the law (sound doctrine) lead us to (v11)?
- 3) Healthy doctrine promotes a healthy faith (vv3-4, 10). Explain. What’s the difference between these different teachings (Mark 7:7-8; 1Tim4:1; John 6:45/1Thess4:9/2Tim3:16-17)? How does doctrine determine the quality of our relationship with God? What we convey to others about God? And whether good or bad times make us or break us?
- 4) Why is a healthy faith a life of love (v5; John 13:34-35)? What does this life of love issue from (v5)? What is a pure heart? Good conscience? And a sincere faith? How will each of these demonstrate and develop?
- 5) A life of love is a life overwhelmed by God’s love (vv6-11; 1John 4:18-19). Explain. What are the only two religions on planet earth and how would you define them? How is both the diagnosis and cure to our problems an expression of God’s love? When is grace celebrated most joyfully? What are your thoughts and feelings about the last quote on the sermon notes? Pray.