

Basic Doctrine 1

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Student Manual

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Lesson 1- 2 Why Study Doctrine

Colossians 2:7 - *“Rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”*

I. What is doctrine?

- A. The word “doctrine” simply means “teaching” or “instruction.”
- B. A Bible doctrine consists of all that the Bible has to say on a particular subject.

II. What is the basic goal of doctrinal study?

- A. To give us _____ of basic biblical truths (Luke 1:1-4).
- B. To _____ us in our faith solidly upon the word of God (Col. 2:7-8).

III. Why is it important for us to study Bible doctrine?

- A. Because it was important to _____ (John 17:8; Mt. 7:28-29; John 7:14-17).
 - 1. Jesus Himself focused on teaching in His ministry.
 - 2. It was Jesus knowledge of true doctrine that gave Him a sharp sword against the devil (Luke 4:4).
 - 3. Jesus instructed us to do the same (Mt. 28:20).
- B. Because it was important to _____ (Luke 1:1-4, Acts 6:4).
- C. Because it was important to _____ (I Tim. 6:3; 4:16).
- D. Because the _____ saw it as one of the necessary essentials of body life (Acts 2:42).
 - 1. They continued “steadfast” in the apostles’ doctrine.
 - 2. To continue steadfast is to persevere, to give constant attention to a thing, to be devoted to, to be in constant readiness for.
- E. Because it is God’s means of progressing the development of _____
_____ (Is. 28:9-10; Jam. 1:22-25).

1. Right teaching leads to _____ (Col. 1:9-10).
2. Right teaching leads to _____ (John 8:32, 36).
3. Right teaching leads to _____ (John 15:3; 17:17; II Tim. 3:14-17; Eph. 5:26).
4. Right teaching leads to _____ (Col. 1:27- 28; Eph. 4:11-16).
5. Right teaching leads to _____ (Pro. 16:20-23).
6. Right teaching is the rain that will cause our lives to _____
_____ (Deut. 32:2).

Let my teaching [lit. doctrine] drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As raindrops on the tender herb, And as showers on the grass.

- F. Because the last days will be characterized by _____ (I Tim. 4:1-2; II Tim. 4:1-5).

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, ²speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron... I Timothy 4:1-2

1. Right teaching will help us to be able to _____ true doctrine (I Tim. 1:3).
2. Right teaching will keep us from _____ (Pro. 5:23; 8:33).
3. Right teaching will keep us from being _____ (Eph. 4:14).
4. Right teaching will help us to be _____ in Christ (Col. 2:7).
5. Right teaching will give us confidence in _____ when the battle is raging (II Tim. 1:12-13).

- G. Because we are commanded to “instruct” all nations (Mt. 28:20).

1. Right teaching will help us to give _____ to those who ask (I Pet. 3:15).
2. Right teaching will help us to _____ those who contradict (Tit. 1:9).
3. Right teaching will enable us to _____ others (II Tim. 2:2; Heb. 8:11).

H. Because right teaching will bring _____ to God's people (II Chr. 15:3-5).

I. Because doctrine affects our _____ (II Th. 3:1, 14; II John 9-10).

J. Because doctrine determines _____ (John 14:6).

K. Because good doctrine makes one spiritually _____ (Pro. 8:8-11).

L. Because good doctrine makes one _____ (Pro. 9:9; 4:1-13; 19:20).

1. Right teaching is hated by the wicked (Ps. 50:17).

2. Right teaching is despised by the fool (Pro. 1:7).

M. Because God is restoring the teaching ministry to the Church that the Church might fully enter into the purposes of God (Is. 30:20; Eph. 4:8-13).

IV. What are the requirements for doctrine?

A. Doctrine must be _____ (I Tim. 1:10; II Tim. 4:3; Tit. 2:1).

B. Doctrine must be _____ (Tit. 2:7).

C. Doctrine must be based on _____ (II Tim. 3:14-17).

D. Doctrine must be _____ (Rom. 6:17; Mt. 16:12 with 23:1-3; Jam. 1:17-25).

V. What should be our attitude toward doctrine and the Word of God?

See: Nehemiah 8:1-6

A. We should _____ for the Word (Mt. 5:6; Job 23:12).

B. We should _____ spiritual understanding of the Word (Neh. 8:2).

C. We should be _____ to the Word (Neh. 8:3).

D. We should be _____ to the Word (Neh. 8:5).

E. We should be _____ to the Word (Neh. 8:6).

**The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul;
The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
Yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.
Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
And in keeping them there is great reward.
Psalm 19:7-11**