

WHAT WE BELIEVE, PART 1
October 26, 2022
Why Study Bible Doctrines?

Introduction to Bible Doctrines

- **Theme Verse:**
 - 1 Timothy 4:16: _____
 - God wants us to make the study of doctrine a _____.
- **Resources:**
 - Textbook:
 - *Bible Doctrines for Today*, Third Edition, Michael Bere, A Beka Book.
 - Reference:
 - *Lectures in Systematic Theology*, Henry C. Thiessen
 - *Basic Theology*, Charles C. Ryrie
 - *The Great Doctrines of the Bible*, William Evans
 - *The Moody Handbook of Theology*, Paul Enns
 - *What Christians Believe*, Johnson and Webber
- **Format:**
 - Wednesday nights:
 - Teaching lectures (for all adults)
 - First Saturday morning of each month:
 - Discussion group (for Bible Institute class)
 - Cost for credit = \$100 (due by 11/12)
 - Includes textbook and yummy breakfasts!
 - Starts Saturday, November 12.
 - Breakfast served at 7:30, class from 8:00 to 9:30.
 - Please sign up at the Welcome Center ASAP.

Reasons to Study Bible Doctrines

- **To organize the teachings of the Scriptures by _____.**
 - The word *doctrine* means “_____.”
 - When we study Bible doctrines, we arrange the key teachings of the Bible by _____ (sometimes called _____ theology)
 - In the Bible, God has chosen to reveal Himself _____, not _____.
 - _____ = God telling us something about Himself that we could never figure out on our own
 - Progressive revelation = God reveals things to man a little at a time, over a long

period of time.

- God has revealed Himself in His Word over a period of about _____ years, through approximately _____ different human authors, in _____ books.
- Since the Bible is not a book of doctrines organized by _____, we must know the entire Bible to understand everything God has to say about a certain subject.
- Some doctrines of the Bible are developed from the beginning all the way to the end.
 - Example: The doctrine of _____
 - He is the seed of the woman (Gen. 3:15)
 - He is the son of _____ (Gen. 22:17-18)
 - He will be of the tribe of _____ (Gen. 49:10)
 - He is the son of _____ (2 Sam. 7:16)
 - He will be a Nazarene, born in Bethlehem, the suffering servant (_____ books)
 - He is the crucified, risen, ascended Lord (gospels)
 - He is the _____ of the heavenly city (Rev. 21:23)
- We believe in progressive revelation, not new _____ .
 - The idea that God is always giving us new revelation even into the present day through signs, tongues, _____, or additions to the Bible.
 - The Scriptures are _____ .
 - Rev. 22:18-19: _____
 - Prov. 30:5-6: _____
- **To interpret the Bible correctly**
 - Each Scripture must be interpreted in the _____ of other Scriptures.
 - The Bible is God's Word; therefore, we need to understand it.
- **To help us live _____ lives**
 - Sound doctrine always _____ right practice.
 - Rom. 12:1-2: _____
- **To know what we believe**
 - The "_____ " Bereans searched the Scriptures.
 - Acts 17:10-11: _____
- **To equip us to _____ effectively**
 - 1 Pet. 3:15: _____
 - How can we give an answer if we don't _____ the answer?
- **To avoid _____ and false doctrine**
 - We must recognize false teaching lest it destroy us.

- Eph. 4:14-15: _____
- Heb. 13:9: _____
- 1 Tim. 4:1: _____
- **To prepare us to _____ others correctly.**
 - James 3:1: _____
 - masters = teachers
 - condemnation = judgment
 - Teachers will be very _____ for how well they do their job.
 - 2 Tim. 2:2: _____
 - 1 Tim. 4:13: _____

Approach to Studying Bible Doctrines

- **We will clearly _____ all new terms.**
 - Theologians have their own vocabulary.
 - It is more important to _____ the truth than to know its theological name.
- **We will make the content accessible to all.**
- **We will make practical _____ of each doctrine as we go.**
- **We will major on the majors and save the “rabbit trails” for the Saturday discussion group.**

The Ten Bible Doctrines

- **Covered in part one of course (2017):**
 - _____: the doctrine of the Bible
 - Theology (proper): the doctrine of _____
 - _____: the doctrine of Christ
 - Pneumatology: the doctrine of the _____ Spirit
- **Covered in part two of course (2022):**
 - _____: the doctrine of man
 - Hamartiology: the doctrine of _____
 - _____: the doctrine of salvation
 - Ecclesiology: the doctrine of the _____
 - _____: the doctrine of angels (and demons)
 - Eschatology: the doctrine of _____ things

Cautions and Limitations

- **We can know only in _____.**
 - 1 Cor. 13:12: _____
- **We must recognize that many doctrines end in _____.**
 - The _____ (3 Persons in One)
 - The _____ nature of Christ (100% God and 100% man)

- The free will of man and the _____ of God
- **We can and should know the facts even if we don't have a perfect understanding of them.**
 - We must not get bogged down in _____.
 - Titus 3:9: _____
 - We must beware venturing too far down the road of human reasoning or _____ (don't wander far from the Scriptures).
 - We should focus on knowing the _____ teachings of Scripture well.
- **"We must maintain both sides of the paradox and _____ the mind of God."**
 - We must avoid _____ on either side.
 - If we could understand everything about God, we would be on His level.
 - Isa. 55:8-9: _____