

Pastor's Pen

Who Needs Doctrine!

"...holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to reprove those who contradict." Titus 1:9

We live during an age when people argue that all we need to do as Christians is to love people and not be concerned with doctrine. However, that is an unbiblical approach to reaching the lost and living a mature Christian faith.

What is Christian Doctrine? The following is from Blue Letter Bible;

"The English word, "doctrine," comes from the Latin word doctrine. It can be defined as, "teaching or instruction." Christian doctrine simply means the beliefs of Christians. A Christian doctrine is what the entire Bible has to say on one particular subject. Therefore, we speak of such things as the "doctrine" of Christ, the "doctrine" of God, and the "doctrine" of the church. This refers to what Christians believe about these subjects based upon the teaching of the Bible."

Jesus was greatly concerned about doctrine. In John's Gospel, Jesus is recorded as saying, "truly, truly", 20 times. Each time He said, "Truly, truly," He instructed believers in doctrine. When Jesus said truly, truly, He is not just saying, "Believe me, this is true." He is saying, "I know this is true firsthand." Jesus is not merely aware of these truths. He is the One who originated them!

Who needs doctrine? Every professing Christian needs to understand what the Bible says regarding what it means to be a follower of Christ. I remember that I had a propensity in high school to daydream and stare out the window during class.

My science teacher always told me I would not learn anything by osmosis. That is, I needed to take an active part and study to learn. God has given us His Word, the Bible, for us to know Christian doctrine. Read, study, and ask God for wisdom, so you can share Christ and teach others what it means to be a faithful follower of Christ.

Your shepherd,

Pastor Mark

Quote of the Week

"If we don't know the bible; if we don't know the doctrine; if we don't know the theology, it is virtually impossible for us to identify false prophets."
- Voddie Baucham

Grace Gems

The nails which pierced Christ's hands!
(William Secker)

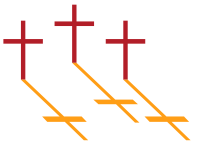
Though repentance is the act of man—yet it is the gift of God. It requires the same power to melt the heart—as to make it. As we are deeply fallen from a state of innocence, so we should rise to a state of penitence. Those sins shall never make a hell for us—which are a hell to us. Some people have sin enough for all their sorrows—but not sorrow enough for all their sins. Their eyes are windows to let in lusts—when they should be flood-gates to pour out tears!

When godly sorrow takes possession of the house—it will quickly shut sin out of doors. There must be a falling out with our lusts—before there can be a genuine falling off from our lusts. There must be a sincere loathing of sin in our affections—before a true leaving of sin in our actions. It is a hearty mourning for our transgressions, which makes way for a happy funeral of our corruptions!

Sinner, you have filled the book of God with your sins—and will you not fill the bottle of God with your tears? Remember, that when Christ draws the likeness of the new creature, His first brush is dipped in water: "Unless you repent—you shall all likewise perish!" Is it not better to repent without perishing—than to perish without repenting? Godly sorrow is such a grace, that without it—not a soul shall be saved; and with it—not a soul shall be lost! Is it not therefore better to swim in the water-works of godly repentance—than to burn in the fire-works of divine vengeance? Do not think that the tears which are shed in hell—will in the least abate the torments which are suffered in hell!

He who lives in sin, without repentance—shall die in sin, without forgiveness. There is no coming to the fair haven of glory—without sailing through the narrow strait of repentance. We must mourn for sin on earth—or burn for sin in hell! It is better traveling to heaven sadly—than to hell merrily!

It is the coldness of our hearts—which kindles the fire of God's anger. "They will look on Me whom they have pierced—and shall mourn!" Zechariah 12:10. Christians! The nails which pierced Christ's hands—should now pierce your hearts! You should now be deeply wounded with godly sorrow—for having so deeply wounded Him with your ungodly sins!



Weekly Gatherings

Bible Classes

Old & New Testament Classes
Ladies Class
Young Adults Young Parents
Youth Surge
Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM

Weekday Meetings

Mondays | 7PM
Men's Bible Study
1st and 3rd Saturday
Women of Grace | 9AM

Family Groups

Thursdays @ 7PM
every other week @ Chambers, Cox's,
Patrick's, Brown's and Royall's

Build the Body Teams

If you would like to serve on a BtB Team
and forgot to sign up, please contact the
team leader at the appropriate email
address.

Youth Study

Wednesdays @6:30PM
Youth Study and AWANA!

Service Times

Sunday Services 8AM & 11:00AM
Sunday School 9:30AM
Children's Church @11:00AM

Giving from service on 11/06/2022

General Offering	14,180.28
Building Fund	22,568.00
Uganda	560.00
Benevolence	25.00
Total	37,333.28

Attendance	214
Sunday School	167
Online	25

Build the Body Ministries

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