

FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINES INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

Introduction:

We're living in a generation that openly professes to make a non-issue out of doctrine.

The central focus to modern day "Christianity" is peace, love, feelings, experience, fellowship, unity, union but not doctrine.

The litmus test for most of Christian life is opinion and emotion or contemporary Psychological thought not sound doctrine.

Psychology professes that there is a why, and its not the Bible why.

1. Psychology professes that there is a subconscious mind that holds all the reasons for why we do what we do, and it just needs to be discovered through expression.

2. Psychology professes that the reason why we do today what we do today is because of what happened in our past. So, they violate the Scripture and go probing around in the past to find the cause of why people are the way they are today.

The point is Christians value emotions, feelings, opinion, union, unity, love, experience, peace, fellowship, and CONTEMPORARY PSYCHOLOGICAL thought above SOUND DOCTRINE.

The quality of life, especially our Christian life, is based upon the knowledge we have.

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Why study Bible Doctrine?

Because:

1. NEW TESTAMENT BELIEVERS STUDIED DOCTRINE.

Acts 2:42

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

2. NEW TESTAMENT BELIEVERS WERE SAVED BY OBEYING (BELIEVING) DOCTRINE.

Romans 6:17

But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

3. NEW TESTAMENT BELIEVERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO RECOGNIZE FALSE DOCTRINE.

Romans 16:17

Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

4. IN THE LATTER TIMES PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE DOCTRINES OF DEVILS.

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

5. NEW TESTAMENT BELIEVERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO GIVE ATTENDANCE TO DOCTRINE.

1 Timothy 4:13

Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

6. THERE IS A REDEEMING POWER IN STUDYING DOCTRINE.

1 Timothy 4:16

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.

7. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES ARE GIVEN SO THAT WE CAN TEACH AND LEARN DOCTRINE.

2 Timothy 3:16

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

8. THE TIME WILL COME WHEN PEOPLE WON'T ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE.

2 Timothy 4:3

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;

9. SOUND DOCTRINE CAN CONVINC PEOPLE WHO ARE FIGHTING WITH GOD.

Titus 1:9

Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.