

HOW WELL CAN YOU DEFEND THE FAITH?

"HAVING AN ANSWER" - ISSUE 1

TEACHING DOCTRINAL STANDARDS



WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF DOCTRINE?



HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN TO "DUST OFF YOUR FEET" OR WHEN TO "HAVE AN ANSWER" IN THE TIME OF CONTRADICTION?

SELF EXAMINATION

What is your initial response when you hear the word "doctrine" as a topic of Christian study?

- ◇ Oh no, this is such a boring topic! I would like to study more applicable topics.

- ◇ What is doctrine? Is it like catechism?
- ◇ Why do we need to learn about doctrine? I already made Profession of Faith.
- ◇ Cool! Now this is the stuff I like to study!

INTRODUCTION

How much do you know about the "scary" word doctrine?

1. What does the word *doctrine* actually mean?
 - A) Catechism
 - B) Church Order
 - C) Instruction
 - D) Learning, teaching
2. Is doctrine necessary?
 - A) No, all we need is the Bible.
 - B) Yes, it is the foundation of truth.
3. Is doctrine separate from the Bible or does it co-exist?

- A) Separate; it is man's compilation of Bible truths
 - B) Co-exists; it deepens our understanding
4. How can our understanding of doctrine be of critical use in the world we face?
 - A) Finding a church
 - B) Finding a spouse
 - C) Dating
 - D) Leading someone to the Lord
 - E) Winning a Biblical argument
 - F) Recognizing false doctrine, apostasy
 5. How do you establish truth?
 - A) Each person decides for himself
 - B) There is no true definition
 - C) Doctrine
 - D) The Bible
 - E) Knowledge

COMMON DOCTRINES

- ◆ Doctrine of Grace
- ◆ Doctrine of Predestination
- ◆ Doctrine of Justification
- ◆ Doctrine of Incarnation
- ◆ Doctrine of Election and Reprobation
- ◆ Doctrine of the Death of Christ and the Redemption of Man
- ◆ Doctrine of the Corruption of Man and His Conversion to God
- ◆ Doctrine of the Perseverance of the Saints

"MY DOCTRINE SHALL DROP AS THE RAIN"

DOCTRINE

1. How does Scripture define "doctrine" in Deut. 32:1-4?
2. How can doctrine be twisted? Is. 28:7-13
3. Are there other doctrines that co-exist?
 - Matt. 16:12
 - Col. 2:20-23
 - I Tim. 4:1

- Heb. 13:9
- 4. What is the importance of being deeply rooted in sound doctrine?
 - Eph. 4:13-14
 - Titus 1:9
- 5. What should be our attitude toward those who do not have the doctrine of God?
 - Ro. 16:17-18
 - 2 John 9-10

What religions does this include?

Does this mean Apologetics should/should not be taught in a church?

If it is taught, what false gospel should be fought?

6. When *do* you give an answer to your faith?
 - I Pet. 3:15
 - II Tim. 4:2-4

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." - I Peter 3:15

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1. DOCTRINE - (GR. 1319) - INSTRUCTION, LEARNING, TEACHING
2. APOLOGETICS - THE FIELD OF STUDY CONCERNED WITH THE DEFENSE OF CHRISTIANITY