



WHAT IS CONSIDERED THE DOCTRINE OF MAN?



"THIS IS TOO DEEP FOR ME."

WHEN WE THINK THAT DOCTRINE IS LIMITED TO AN ARTICLE, CANON OR CREED, IT DEMONSTRATES THAT WE DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF DOCTRINE.

Many consider the doctrine of man to be solely the work of theologians.

1. How did Paul describe the doctrines of men? Colossians 2:20-23

1) Vs. 20-21 - Subject to the ordinances of the world, " _____ ; _____ ; _____ ."

2) Vs. 22-23 - "Which things have indeed a _____ of _____ in _____ and _____, and _____ of the _____ ; _____ in any honour of satisfying the _____."

- Does this description fit the "Three Forms of Unity" (Heidelberg Catechism, Belgic Confession and the Canons of Dort)?
- 3. Read the following passages that warn against a false understanding of election.
 - Romans 6: 1, 12-16
 - James 2:17-20, 26
- 2. How did Christ describe the doctrines of men? Matthew 15:7-11
- 4. Why must we be prepared against the doctrines of men?
 - Matthew 24:24
 - Ephesians 4:11-19
- Does this description fit the "Three Forms of Unity"?

Can someone who supports the Doctrine of Election also be guilty of holding to the doctrines of man?

WHAT IS THE DOCTRINE OF THE BIBLE?

We are preparing ourselves to fight against false doctrine by understanding true doctrine more completely.

Isaiah 29:18-19, 24

1. What is described as "pure religion"? James 1:25-27
2. What is the result of God giving the understanding?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
3. We understand that "all scripture is given by inspiration of God." For what four things is it profitable? II Timothy 3:16-17
4. What is the main difference between the doctrine of man and the doctrine of the Bible? John 7:16-18

THE MAJOR DOCTRINAL DISPUTE OVER THE CENTURIES

THE DISPUTE

- Total Depravity
- Unconditional Election
- Limited Atonement
- Irresistible Grace
- Perseverance of the Saints



- Partial Depravity
- Conditional Election - based on foreseen faith
- Universal Atonement
- Resistible Grace
- Possibility of Lapse from Grace



"TAKE HEED UNTO THYSELF AND UNTO THE DOCTRINE; CONTINUE IN THEM; FOR IN DOING THIS THOU SHALT SAVE THYSELF. AND THEM THAT HEAR THEE." - I TIM. 4:16

Who is our dispute with, those within the church or those who are without? When do we "have an answer" and when do we "dust off our feet"?

VERSE OF THE WEEK
 "My doctrine is not mine, but His that sent me. If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself."
 -John 7:16-17