
Doctrine 101: What Is Doctrine, and Why Is It Important? (Pt 1)

Doctrine = _____

Doctrines = _____ **Topics of Great Importance** (foundational...)

5 Ways to Approach Doctrine (or Theology)

1. _____ **Theology:** Studying doctrinal topics in the context of the book, passage, section, or era in which it is found. (Edenic, Noahic, Patriarchal, Mosaic, Acts, Paul, James, etc.)
2. _____ **Theology:** Collecting and arranging together information about a topic from anywhere it is found in the Bible.
3. _____ **Theology:** Studying how thoughts on doctrine came about throughout history. (Ancient, Medieval, Reformation, & Modern)
4. _____ **Theology:** Studying officially formulated schools of doctrinal thought. (Calvinistic, Arminian, Covenant, Dispensational, Catholic)
5. _____ **Theology:** Studying recent or present-day schools of thought. (e.g. Liberal, Neo-Orthodox, Socialist, Conservative)

We Will Study Systematic Theology (Interesting, Helpful Way)

1. **Bibliology** – The Doctrine of the _____
2. **Theology** – The Doctrine of _____
3. **Christology** – The Doctrine of _____
4. **Pneumatology** – The Doctrine of the _____
5. **Angelology** (and Demonology) – The Doctrine of _____
6. **Anthropology** – The Doctrine of _____ (kind)
7. **Hamartiology** – The Doctrine of _____
8. **Soteriology** – The Doctrine of _____
9. **Ecclesiology** – The Doctrine of the _____
10. **Eschatology** – The Doctrine of _____ (End Times)

This Will Be an _____ to Each Doctrine

Our desire is to give you a basic understanding of key truths from each doctrine (some knowledge). We will not fully cover any doctrine.

WHY Should We Study Doctrine? (Theology...)

God gave us His Word so we might know Him and His truth. We need to be trained in order to know and to think correctly about what is true & not true, and what is right and wrong. We need to know Who God is and who we are, and what is true so that we might see things accurately. Knowing basic doctrines (teachings) provides “truth blocks” or big ideas to build upon.

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15 Reasons to Study Doctrine

1. **To _____ What God Has Revealed About Key Truths**
2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
2 Cor 13:5 Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?-- unless indeed you are disqualified.
2. **To _____ the Command of the Bible** (Primary Practices vs. Secondary, etc.)
1 Tim 4:13 Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.
3. **To Benefit from the _____ of _____**
1 Tim 5:17 Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.
4. **To Build a _____ on Which to _____ More Truths & Actions**
Heb 5:12-6:2 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. ¹³ For everyone who partakes *only* of milk *is* unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. ¹⁴ But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. ^{6:1} Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.
5. **To Participate in God’s _____ for _____**
Col 2:6-7 As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷ rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.
1 Tim 4:6 If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.
2 Tim 3:10-11 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, ¹¹ persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra-- what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me.
2 Tim 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.
Jude 1:20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,
6. **To Develop _____ with Other Believers**
Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.