

## **Doctrine Doesn't Matter...or Does It?**

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Isaiah 28:9 – prerequisite to understand doctrine: (1) being weaned from milk and (2) correctly studying/interpreting scripture:

A -read the context

B - understand the major Biblical principles and that they all must and do fit together harmoniously

C - 'here a little, there a little' – parts of scripture throughout all 66 books can be put together like a jigsaw puzzle to reveal beautiful truths

Matt 7:28 – everything Jesus taught on the sermon on the mount is doctrine

Matt 15:9 – vain worship = teaching commandments of men as doctrine. Therefore, we can deduce that true worship has something to do with teaching/holding the commandments of God as doctrine

Matt 16:12 – there is bad doctrine, in this case the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees

Matt 22:23-33 – again, the teachings of Jesus are doctrine. Specifically here, Jesus's doctrine is that there is nor marrying or giving in marriage after the resurrection, but we will be like angels. The multitudes were astonished as Jesus's doctrine.

Mark 1:21-22 – everything that Jesus taught in the church was called Jesus's doctrine. Again, people were amazed with Jesus's doctrine.

Mark 1:23-28 – Jesus casting out a demon was considered a new doctrine

Mark 4:1-2 – Jesus's teachings via his parables are called Jesus's doctrine

Mark 11:15-18 – Jesus casts out the money changers from the temple. The Scribes/Pharisees feared Jesus because the people were astonished/enamored with Jesus's doctrine, this is why they wanted to kill Jesus. They realized that their doctrine was different from Jesus's doctrine and in their mind, everyone would eventually follow Jesus if He wasn't taken out.

Mark 12:35-40 – Jesus taught that He Himself was Lord. That was Jesus's doctrine. The Pharisee's doctrine was that Jesus was a man, not God. Jesus's doctrine was also 'beware of the Pharisees'

John 7:14-17 – The Jews marveled at Jesus's teachings in the temple. Jesus says his doctrine is not his own, but is 'His that sent me'. Prerequisite to understand doctrine: wanting to do God's will.

John 18:22 – When Jesus was being questioned before being crucified, the high priest asked Jesus about his doctrine. Jesus said that everything he taught in the synagogue, in the temple, to the people, etc. was his doctrine. He taught it openly. Jesus's teachings = Jesus's doctrine.

Acts 2:41-47 – all that came into the beginning of the early church ‘continued steadfastly’ (i.e. spent a good amount of time every day in) the apostles doctrine

Acts 5:26-31 – In response to the church growing and healing people, etc., the high priest throws the apostles in prison. But the angel lets them out and tells them to speak the words of life in the temple. Then they taught in the temple. The high priest’s group saw they were out of prison, and then someone came and said that the apostles were ‘standing in the temple, teaching the people’. The high priest brings in the apostles peacefully reiterating that they had commanded the apostles not to teach, but that now ‘Jerusalem is filled with your doctrine’. But Peter said we ought to obey God not man. Christ gives repentance and forgiveness of sins.

Acts 13:1-13 – Saul and Barnabus separated to go out. On Paphos, Barjesus (aka Elymas) the soocerer/false prophet/Jew was there. Sergius Paulus, a deputy of the area, was with Barjesus and wanted to hear the Word preached, but Elymas tried to get him not to go. Paul says to Elymas: “O full of all subtilty and all mischief, *thou* child of the devil, *thou* enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? Elymas is then made blind. Then the deputy believed, ‘astonished at the doctrine of the Lord’.

Acts 17:19 – some of the Athenian philosophers wanted to know about Paul’s new doctrine was all about (he was preaching about Christ and the resurrection)

Romans 6:17 – true doctrine is something that we should obey from the heart.

Romans 16:17 – if there is anyone that causes divisions and offenses contrary to Christ’s/the apostles doctrine, mark them and avoid them.

Eph 4:11-15 – spiritual gifts are given so we might growup in Christ to be like him. This is true unity, anything else is a counterfeit. When we are of full stature, we are by definition no longer children. Here is the definition of a spiritual child: being tossed to and fro, blown here and there by every wind of doctrine and by cunning and crafty ‘teachers’.

1 Tim 1:9-10 – sound doctrine = God’s law. Sin is contrary to both God’s law and sound doctrine.

1 Tim 4:1 – at the end of time, there will be a backsliding. People will go with the doctrines of devils.

1 Tim 4: 6 – a good minister of Christ is nourished up in good doctrine.

1 Tim 4:12-13 – message to young people: when you’re leading, use the time for reading, exhortation, and doctrine.

1 Tim 4:15-16 – take heed to doctrine and continue in it. By doing so, you will be saved and those that hear you will be saved.

1 Tim 5:17 – elders are to labor in the word and in doctrine

1 Tim 6:1 – the name of God and God’s doctrine are not to be blasphemed

1 Tim 6:3 – men who teach not according to doctrine know nothing. True doctrine is ‘according to Godliness’

2 Tim 3:10 – Paul had doctrine, and it was a good thing

2 Tim 3:16 – All scripture is inspired and given by God. Doctrine comes from all scripture.

2 Tim 4:2 – We are to reprove, rebuke, and exhort with longsuffering and doctrine

2 Tim 4:3 – at the end of time, people will not have sound doctrine. Instead, they will setup teachers who teach unsound doctrine, only talking about the things that are easy to hear

Titus 1:9 – We are to exhort and convince gainsayers by sound doctrine and by holding to the Word

Hebrews 6:1-2 – Christ had doctrine, and these are the principles of his doctrine (baptism, judgement, resurrection, repentance, faith

Hebrews 13:9 – there is something called strange doctrine, and we should not be influenced by it

2 John 9 – if you abide in the doctrine of Christ, you have God. If you do not abide in the doctrine of Christ, you do not have God.