

University Heights Church of Christ

BULLETIN

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The Apostle's Doctrine

Doctrine

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AV - doctrine 29, has been taught 1; 30

1) teaching

1a) that which is taught

1b) doctrine, teaching, concerning something

2) the act of teaching, instruction

2a) in religious assemblies of the Christians, to speak in the way of teaching, in distinction from other modes of speaking in public

Acts 2:42 "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine"

When the disciples are described as "continuing steadfastly in the apostles "doctrine" it means that they continued steadfastly in the apostles' "teaching". Jesus commanded that the apostles teach all nations to observe everything that Jesus had commanded the apostles.

Matthew 28:19 "Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, [even] to the end of the world."

In Acts 2 the teaching that the apostles did was in obedience to the commandment of Jesus. They continued to obey Jesus even in the face of strong opposition from religious rulers in Jerusalem.

Acts 5:28 "Saying, Did not we straitly command you that you should not teach in this name? And, behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us."

Obedying from the heart the form of doctrine delivered by the apostles is the way to escape from the bondage of sin.

Romans 6:17 "But God be thanked, that you were the servants of sin, but you have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you."

The doctrine of the apostles is what the saved had learned and the saved were to note and avoid any who taught or acted contrary to that doctrine that the saved had learned. Because those that do not obey the teaching of the apostles are not seeking to serve the Lord Jesus Christ but their own appetites. They will use good words and attractive speeches to deceive those who, because of lack of experience, lack of attention to what is going on or lack of knowledge of the truth of God's word, are unwise.

Romans 16:17 "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which you have learned; and avoid them. 18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple."

Timothy was given the responsibility to unceasingly and with no thought of ever ceasing to do it, reprove, rebuke and exhort with doctrine. Because there comes a time when people will not endure sound doctrine but instead will turn to things that are more appealing and to teachers that will provide those things that are more appealing. In gratifying their appetites they will turn away from the truth of the apostles' doctrine. That is why people are not satisfied to faithfully obey the form of doctrine that is recorded in the New Testament, but instead follow every kind of religious nonsense that human minds have been able to devise.

2Timothy 4:1 "I charge [you] therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 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; 4 And they shall turn away [their] ears from the truth, and shall be turned to fables."

In the New Testament one of the requirements for the overseers of a local church is that they not only absolutely hold fast to the faithful word but also be knowledgeable enough in that word to be able to use its doctrine to exhort, convince and stop the mouths of empty talkers and deceivers. Among those deceivers were those who were willing to teach whatever would pay well.

Titus 1:9 "Holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. 10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, especially they of the circumcision: 11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake."

Upon this earth there is one only doctrine upon which the salvation of humankind depends and that is the doctrine that is found preserved on the pages of the New Testament.

2John 1:9 "Whosoever transgresses, and abides not in the doctrine of Christ, has not God. He that abides in the doctrine of Christ, he has both the Father and the Son."

AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING SO IT IS HERE TODAY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FAITHFUL TO CONTINUE STEADFASTLY IN THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE.

Remember To Pray For

Give thanks and rejoice with Jim and Julie Spivey in the birth of Jackson Scott Spivey on January 1 Mildred Collins, David's mother is to undergo thyroid surgery
Dallis and Alma Isaacs
Francis Nations
Mary Jane Frost
Melanie Bilye
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Carol Bach
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Edith Tirey
Lucy Hale
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Lorene Pagan
Freddie Ward
David and Chessie Harwell
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Ruth Brundige
Cindy Miller
Christie Ellis
Shirley Lewis
Brady Gibbons
Gail Hunter
Larry Flannery
Donnie Joseph
Cheryl Spear
Lanny Hiller
Charity and Abdiel Pallafox
Helen Stephens
Chris Handshoe
Jeffrey Howerton
Addison Pervine
Tom Kemp
Freda Blakey

What it means when God tells us who, what, when, how and why is that God wants us to do it.

"He that believes and is baptized shall be saved" Mark 16:16

"Be baptized for the remission of sins." Acts 2:38

"See here is water what hinders me to be baptized" Acts 8:36

"Buried with him by baptism" Romans 6:4

"Baptized into Jesus Christ" Romans 6:3

"Baptism does also now save us" 1 Peter 3:21

We know exactly what is and what is not scriptural baptism because God desires for every repentant believer to be baptized scripturally.

Thoughts

It is just as simple as it can be.

Jesus said, "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved." Mark 16:16

Jesus said, "Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, [even] to the end of the world." Matthew 28:19-20

According to Jesus a baptized believer is saved. That is what the apostles also taught. How could they do anything else and still obey Jesus?

Peter said, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." Acts 2:38

Peter also said, "The like figure whereunto [even] baptism does also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ" 1 Peter 3:21

Paul said, "Know you not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Romans 6:3, 4

Jesus said, "Pray to your Father" Matthew 6:6

Jesus said, "Whatsoever you shall ask the Father in my name, he will give [it] to you." John 16:23

Again Jesus said, "After this manner therefore pray you: Our Father which is in heaven, Hallowed be your name." Matthew 6:9

That is what the apostles also taught.

Paul said, "Giving thanks always for all things to God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;" Ephesians 5:20

Again Paul said, "And whatsoever you do in word or deed, [do] all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." Colossians 3:17

And again Paul said, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus". Philippians 4:6-7

Jesus said, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve." Matthew 4:10

"Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth you are the Son of God." Matthew 14:22

They could only worship Jesus without sin because while on earth Jesus was God in flesh.

The words of Jesus make it all just as simple as it could possibly be.

Jesus said, "If you continue in my word, [then] are you my disciples indeed;" John 8:31

Notes

The men's business meeting will be today at 3:00PM

The informational meeting will be on January 25 at 4:30PM

The informational meeting will cover both December 2008 and January 2009

To his disciples Jesus said, "Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:" Matthew 28:19

In the beginning God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness." Genesis 1:26

Matthew wrote, "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3: 16, 17

According to the Bible the one God of the Bible is not one only person. The Bible definition of God is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Did you know that "In the name of" in Matthew 28:19 means "By the authority of"?

It is used the same way in Acts 4:7.

Acts 4: 7 "And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have you done this?"

Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Classes 9:45am

Worship Service 10:45am

Sunday Evening

Worship Service 6:00pm

Wednesday Evening

Bible Studies for all ages 7:30pm

Monthly Song Service

First Friday 7:30pm

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