

WHY BIBLE DOCTRINE MATTERS

1 Timothy 4:1-16

"Sanctify them
by the Truth.
Your Word is Truth"
John 17:17

I. Introduction

A. Titus 2:1 (NKJV) ¹ But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine:

B. What do we mean when we say sound doctrine?

C. "Don't teach me doctrine- just teach me how to be a Christian and live the Christian life!"

II. What makes us Christians?

A. What makes us Christians is what we believe about the Bible and the teachings of the Bible and how we react to them.

B. In order for you to live the Christian life, you first have to know what a Christian is and what the Christian life is.

C. Everyone has a base of authority that directs his thinking and doing.

D. What is the Christian's base of authority?

III. Many people have said in the past that ignorance is bliss.

A. But ignorance is definitely not bliss if by bliss we mean extreme happiness or enjoyment.

B. As bad as ignorance is, ignorance is common in the world and even in the church.

IV. Why doctrine is so important?

A. If the Israelites were to maintain their faith they had to be diligent about it. Deuteronomy 6:1-25

B. Without correct doctrine, our worship is useless. Matthew 15:8-9

C. Without a knowledge of correct doctrine, we won't know who is deceiving us, dividing us, or putting obstacles in the way of our faith. Romans 16:17-18

D. Our ignorance of correct doctrine makes us more susceptible to putting up with and even believing false doctrine. 2 Corinthians 11:3-4

E. Doctrine brings maturity in faith. Ephesians 4:11-15

F. We need to learn how to correctly handle God's truth because bad doctrine destroys faith. 2 Timothy 2:14-18

V. Conclusion