

2Ti 3:10-13

8-30-20

1. This morning we will continue the study of Second Timothy where Paul from prison writes to Timothy. Last week when time expired we were studying 2Ti 3:16 and 17 by way of a categorical study of the *Importance of Doctrine*.

2. For a written and/or audio presentation of this lesson go to westbankbiblechurch.com and click-on streaming audio of services.

3. Before we continue, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.

3.1 Let's see how 2Ti 3:16-17 look in the NIV.

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

2Ti 3:17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4. I want to review some of that learned last week and then we will return to a study of the importance of Bible doctrine.

5. Last week I taught the reason Moses was not permitted to enter the promised land however, I failed to provide the New Testament documentation provided by Paul in his first letter to the church at Corinth.

1Co 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

1Co 10:2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

1Co 10:3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;

1Co 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and **that Rock was Christ**.

6. I also taught, of the “relative prepotency” of sin found in the book of Proverbs. Let's take a look at the seven things God hates:

Pro 6:16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

Pro 6:17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

Pro 6:18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

Pro 6:19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Pro 6:20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

7. Last week in teaching the persistent dangers of sin I quoted several of Paul's warnings concerning "the conflicts of two natures," but I did not provide the Scriptures.

8. One of several omissions last week was a failure to provide certain Scriptures where Paul warns of the dangers inherent within his Old Sin Nature.

The Conflict of Two Natures

Rom 7:15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

Rom 7:16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.

Rom 7:17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

Rom 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

Rom 7:19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

Rom 7:20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

Rom 7:21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

Rom 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

Rom 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Rom 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.

9. Let's review some of that learned last week from Paul's commentary on the war raging in his soul.

10. We should take heart from Paul's commentary because he wrote it some ten to fifteen years after his regeneration. At the same time this hero of the New Testament was delighting in the Law of Liberty he saw a different law in his members.

10.1 His true self, the born-again man, agreed with the law of God. But another law (the law of sin) brought him into captivity, making him a prisoner.

10.2 He thought things and did things that he immediately knew were wrong. Don't you just hate it when that happens in your own life? But in the process of making Paul a prisoner to the law of sin he saw this as a battle for the control of his mind and body.

10.3 With the Indwelling of God the Holy Spirit came hope, not only for the Apostle but for each of us as believers.

10.4 Who will control is the issue and only the volition of the believer can answer the dilemma. Paul says that he was being brought into captivity to the law of sin.

10.5 If Paul had stopped here, he would have been at variance with his statement in Romans chapter six verse fourteen.

Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

10.6 But he did not stop there. He asserts that sin in the members is a powerful force (and no one should try to deny that fact). It is a fact the Old Sin Nature indwells every cell of the body.

10.7. The thought that sin could make him captive causes him to cry out: Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free? The body is the scene of this contest.

10.8 Sin living in every cell of the body brings spiritual death to the body. Paul eventually became aware that he needed outside help.

10.8.1 So, he cries: "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God that there is no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus."

11. Now let's return to where we left off in our study of the *Doctrine of the Importance of Doctrine*.

The Importance of Doctrine

1. Definition: As used in this categorical study, Doctrine is the content of Scripture exegeted and taught categorically by a pastor-teacher in a local church.

2. Because many believers have not followed the protocol plan of God, they wake up in a new world each morning, unaware of their very own spiritual life oblivious to the fact they have a spiritual sense of destiny.

3. These negative believers are everywhere today. Our churches are full of them, and, perhaps worse, there are many born-again people who have rejected the church altogether.

4. Negative people can't see spiritual things because Doctrine has to be spiritually discerned.

2Pe 1:9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

5. Vincent has written of the blind soul "he cannot see the things of heaven, though he may be quick enough in regard to worldly matters."

6. "Hath forgotten" in 2Pe 1:9 is literally "having taken forgetfulness." The phrase comes from **Lambano Lethe**, which is better translated "having seized a state of forgetfulness, a state of oblivion."

7. "Purged" is **Katharizo** and means "to be cleansed." This is an apt description of the saint who will not use the two power options. (*infra pg. eight at point 25.1 for a description of the two power options*)

8. Continued refusal to take in the Word may result in a believer forgetting he was ever saved.

9. This Christian is not stone-blind but simply lacks even the basics--a sad situation indeed.

10. Now let's leave Second Peter and develop further our subject, "The Importance of Doctrine."

11. It is impossible to please God if you do not believe that He is your Savior and that He blesses the believer who uses the two power options.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

12. Without Doctrine in your soul you will find your prayers to be an abomination to God.

Pro 28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayers shall be an abomination.

13. Pro 12:1a tells us the man who loves spiritual growth will love knowledge.

Pro 12:1 Whoever loveth instruction loveth knowledge: and he that hateth reproof is brutish.

14. Notice Pro 12:1b tells us not to despise discipline; we should accept it and move forward. The man who rebels against the discipline of God is brutish--animal-like.

15. Compare this verse to Heb 4:12. The anonymous writer of Hebrews declares the power of Scripture, how it cuts to the essence of our soul and human spirit discerning our true thoughts and intents.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

16. Doctrine was always with God, even from eternity past; before anything was, there was Doctrine. Pro 8:22 and 23 also declare the importance God places on Doctrine.

Pro 8:22-23 The Lord possessed wisdom in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. Wisdom was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, before the earth was.

17. God has magnified His Word, even above His name and reputation. A clear demonstration of the importance of His Word is found in Psa 138:2.

"I will worship toward the Holy Temple and praise thy Name for thy loving Kindness and for thy Truth: for thou hast magnified thy Word above all thy Name."

18. The attitude of a believer toward Bible Doctrine determines whether he or she receives blessing or discipline in time.

Pro 8:33 Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.

Pro 8:34 Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the post of my doors.

Pro 8:35 For whoever findeth Doctrine, findeth life and shall obtain favor of the Lord.

Pro 8:36 But he that sinneth against Doctrine wrongeth his own soul: and all they that hate me love operational death in time.

19. Jos 1:8 says daily study of the Word of God will make the believer a unique success.

Jos 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shall make thy way prosperous, and then you shall have a good success.

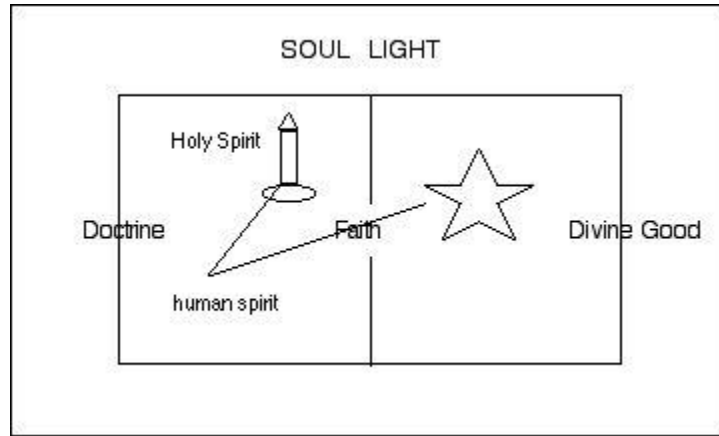
20. Doctrine, therefore, is the basis for blessing in time.

Psa 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: for I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

21. Doctrine must become more real than reality in the life of a believer.

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2Pe 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your heart:



21.1 An expanded and corrected translation of 2Pe 1:20 demands a categorical study of Scripture.

Expanded Translation

2Pe 1:20 Know and understand no verse should be read and interpreted alone; i.e., it must not be isolated from what the Scripture says elsewhere.

22. In order to function properly in time every believer is urged to get under the authority of his or her right pastor-teacher.

Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Heb 13:7 Remember them which have the rule over you, those men who have spoken unto you the Word of God: whose faith follow, considering the result of their modus operandi of studying and teaching.

Heb 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves for they watch for your souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

23. A nation without a pivot of positive believers will fall under the fifth cycle of discipline. As go the believers in a nation, so goes that nation.

Hos 4:1 Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land ...

Hos 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

24. The pastor-teacher in the local church has the responsibility for communicating Doctrine.

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, *pastors-teachers*;

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Eph 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of Doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

25. Doctrine is only found in the written Canon.

1Pe 1:8 Whom having not seen, you love; in whom, though now you see him not, yet believing, you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

Gal 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

25.1 Col. R.B. Thieme Jr., gave us the phrase “the two power options:”

Option: One

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Option: Two

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

26. Doctrine produces several attributes.

Confidence

2Co 5:6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

2Co 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

2Co 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Divine viewpoint

2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalt itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Orientation to the plan of God

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

A stable mind

Isa 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

A basis for divine guidance

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may know what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

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