

BIBLICAL

A STUDY THROUGH THE SCROLLS OF SCRIPTURE

REVIEW

Essential Elements: Doctrine



Facts About The Bible

- What is an Essential Element?
 - *A fact about the Bible*
- Why do we include these teachings?
 - *To emphasize the reliability of the Bible*
- What do we do with them?
 - *test them against Scripture*

Essential Elements of Scripture

Inspiration	God Breathed	2 Timothy 3:16
Authority	Obey His Word	John 14:15
Inerrancy	Speaks Truth	Psalms 119:160
Clarity	Simple enough	Psalms 119:130
Doctrine	<u>Necessary</u>, but not sufficient	2 Timothy 2:15
Sufficiency	Enough for Salvation	2 Peter 1:3
Canonicity	Prophets and Apostles	Romans 15:4

Definition of Doctrine

“... doctrine is what the whole Bible teaches us today about some particular topic.”

Systematic Theology
An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine
Wayne Grudem
Zondervan, 2020
pp. 6

Essential Element: Doctrine

- The foundation of doctrine is Scripture
- Doctrine is necessary
- Approach to doctrine must be balanced
- Leave room for wonder

Foundation Is Scripture

“Sanctify them in the truth; **Your word is truth**. Just as You sent Me into the world, I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, so that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.



John 17:17-19 NASB

Foundation Is Scripture

- Scripture is truth.
- Scripture is the foundation of our sanctification.
- Scripture is the source of our mission as believers in Jesus.

Doctrine Is Necessary

- **Correct understanding is necessary.**

Caution Against Incorrect Understanding

“As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every **wind of doctrine**, by the trickery of people, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, that is, Christ”

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Ephesians 4:11

Correct Understanding

“Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “**Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?**” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.”

Acts 8:30-31

Doctrine Is Necessary

- Correct understanding is necessary.
- **The Holy Spirit is needed.**

Holy Spirit Is Needed

“The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.”



1 Corinthians 2:14 NIV

Doctrine Is Necessary

- Correct understanding is necessary.
- The Holy Spirit is needed.
- **It takes work.**

It Takes Work

“Remind them of these things, and solemnly exhort them in the presence of God not to dispute about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the listeners. Be **diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker** who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.”

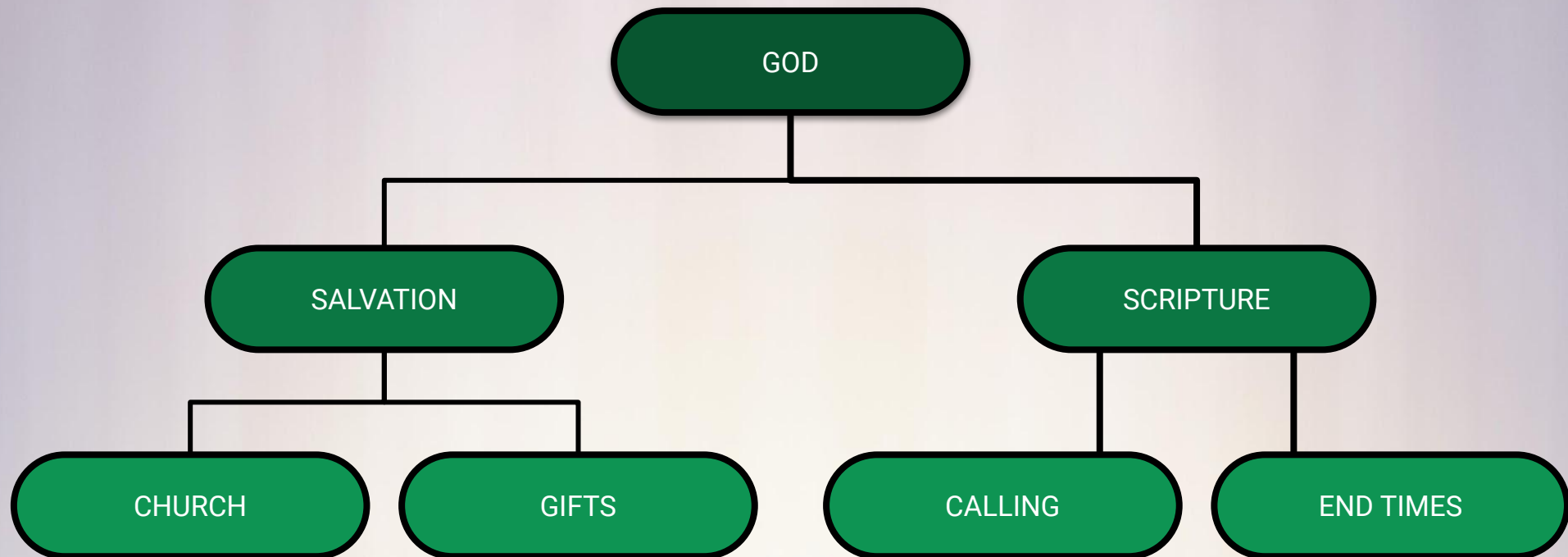


2 Timothy 2:14-15

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- **Our approach to doctrine must be balanced**

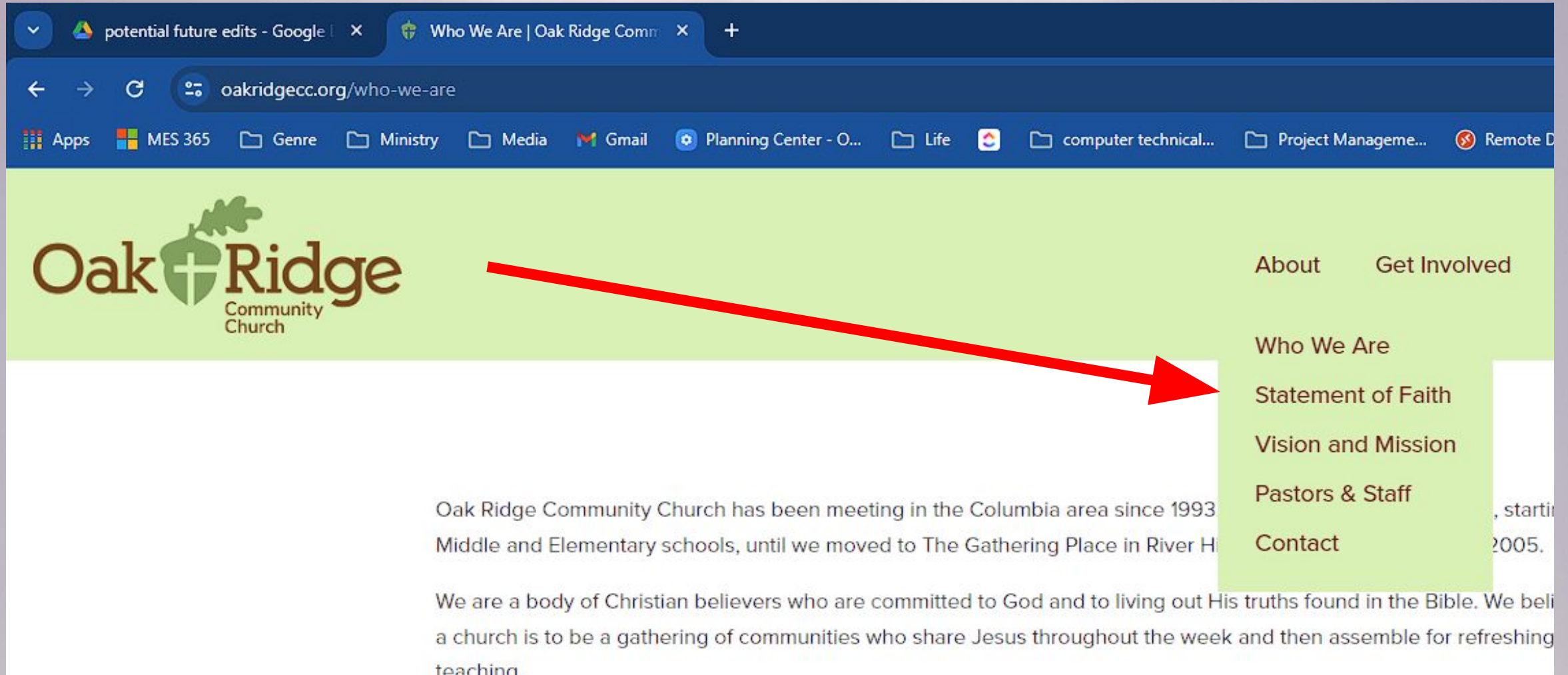
Balance: Tiers of Doctrine



Balance: Tiers of Doctrine

- some concepts are more important
- Some concepts built on other concepts
- Some concepts are not as clear as others.

Balance: Tiers of Doctrine



The image shows a screenshot of a web browser displaying the website for Oak Ridge Community Church. The browser's address bar shows the URL `oakridgecc.org/who-we-are`. The website header features the church's logo, which includes a green cross and the text "Oak Ridge Community Church". To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with the following items: "About", "Get Involved", "Who We Are", "Statement of Faith", "Vision and Mission", "Pastors & Staff", and "Contact". A red arrow points from the "Who We Are" menu item to the main content area of the page. The main content area contains the following text:

Oak Ridge Community Church has been meeting in the Columbia area since 1993. We have had a Nursery, Sunday School, Middle and Elementary schools, until we moved to The Gathering Place in River Hills in 2005.

We are a body of Christian believers who are committed to God and to living out His truths found in the Bible. We believe a church is to be a gathering of communities who share Jesus throughout the week and then assemble for refreshing teaching.

Balance: Tiers of Doctrine

ORCC Convictions & Ministry Model

In addition, there are some secondary doctrines for which we do not offer a definitive interpretation, e.g., God's sovereignty and man's ability to choose a relationship with God; eschatology; use of charismatic gifts, etc. **As fellow believers in Jesus Christ, we commit to being gracious towards those who differ in some or all of these convictions.** However, we will exhort all members to communicate in a gracious, unifying and Biblical manner.

Balance: Grace & Humility

- Be gracious towards those who disagree.
- Be open to learning something new.
- Allow the Holy Spirit to do His work.

Grace & Humility

“The Lord’s bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, skillful in teaching, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth...”

2 Timothy 2:24-25

Grace & Humility

“An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, **skillful in teaching**, not overindulging in wine, not a bully, but **gentle**, not contentious, free from the love of money. He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity...”

1 Timothy 3:2-5

Balance - Extended Analogy

The cup is our
understanding

The pitcher is
God's supply



Balance - Extended Analogy

second cup....

third cup



Balance - Extended Analogy

filled up on
truth



You prepare a table before me in the presence of my
enemies;

You have anointed my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

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Psalm 23:5

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Leave Room For Wonder

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- Some things defy our comprehension

Doctrine: Wonder

- Jacob's ladder - unexpected blessing
- Job - hand over mouth - sense of power
- Moses - burning bush - sense of the alienness
- Isaiah - sense of inadequacy
- Ezekiel - sensory overload
- Mary - submission to the impossible
- Revelation - visions of eternity

Leave Room For Wonder

- Some things can not be categorized
- Some things defy our comprehension
- **The proper response is awe and worship.**

Benediction

- **Does your cup overflow?**
- **Seek His face and allow yourself to be overwhelmed by God.**