

Facts about the Bible

What is an Essential Element? _____

Why do we include these teachings? _____

What do we do with them? _____

Essential Elements

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	_____, 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 _____ Bible teaches us today about some particular topic.”

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

The Foundation of Doctrine 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

- Scripture is _____
- Scripture is the foundation of our _____
- Scripture is the source of our _____ as believers in Jesus.

Doctrine is Necessary

- _____ understanding is necessary.

“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” **Ephesians 4:11**

“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**

- The Holy Spirit is _____

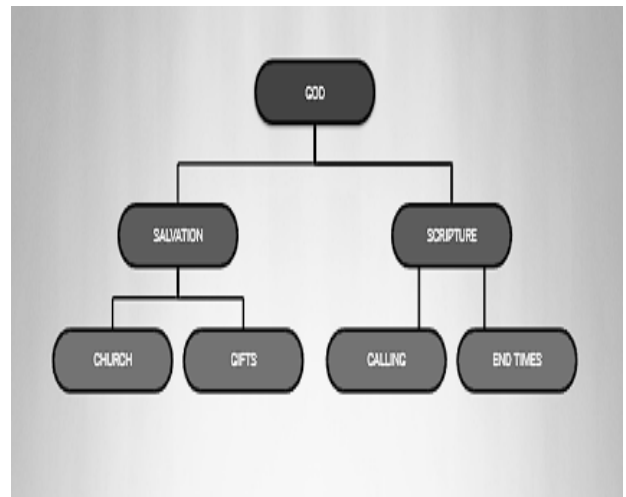
“The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.” **1 Corinthians 2:14**

- It takes _____.

“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**

Our Approach to Doctrine Must be Balanced

- Tiers of Doctrine
 - some concepts are more _____
 - Some concepts _____ on other concepts
 - Some concepts are not as _____ as others.



- ORCC Statement of Faith - required for membership
- ORCC Ministry and Model Statement - recognition of differences

“As fellow believers in Jesus Christ, we commit to being gracious towards those who _____ in some or all of these convictions.”

- Grace and Humility
 - Be _____ towards those who disagree.
 - Be open to learning something _____.
 - _____ the Holy Spirit to do His work.

“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**

“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**

- Analogy - Pitcher of water filling the cups



“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows.” **Psalms 23:5**

Leave Room for Wonder

- Some things can not be _____
- Some things _____our comprehension
 - 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

- The proper response is _____ and _____

“It is perilously possible to make our conceptions of God like molten lead poured into a specially designed mould, and when it is cold and hard we fling it at the heads of the religious people who don’t agree with us. ***From Disciples Indeed, Oswald Chambers***”

necessary, whole, truth, sanctification, mission, correct, needed, work, important, built, clear, differ, gracious, new, allow, categorized, defy, awe, worship