

Διδασκαλία by Robert Notgrass

Our English word doctrine is generally only used at church and Christian schools, but the word only means “to teach.” In 1 Tim. 1:3, Paul wrote, “As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine.” Paul had instructed that no one teaches differently than that which had been already given. In fact, 1 Tim. 6:3 states, “If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness.” It is here where Paul defines the difference between teaching another doctrine (ετεροδιδασκαλεω) and doctrine (Διδασκαλία) being sound or healthy words. Healthy teachings is that of our Lord Jesus Christ and which promotes godliness. Now, without these words, “He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.” (1 Tim. 6:4-5). This is strong language by Paul because there are many people who really believe that doctrine does not matter and that everything is just left up to feelings or interpretation. I guess they have not read 1



DID YOU KNOW?

The early church grew when:

The Gospel was taught.

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| Acts 8:4 | Acts 20:20 |
| Acts 8:5-12 | Acts 20:26-27 |
| Acts 8:26-40 | |

THOSE TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Doris Pendleton, Verna Butler, Lynna Shanks, Elnora Shanks, Ethel Runge, Tex Kinman, Mary Boland, and Scott Thomas.

Also remember: Richard Massey, Verma Long, Nelta Brock, Connie Gass, Grayson Castillo, Ruby Backus, Marvin Howard, Habermehl family, Cheryl Harris Evonelle Calkins, Dawn Tivoli, Brian Williams, Emma Stantliff, Pamela Robinson, Jim Murrell, Barb Bailey and Melvin Kollwitz.

Remember also: The lost, our leaders & those in our military.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 17 were present for the evangelism class. Hope to see all of you Monday night @ 7pm!
- Item for Fairhaven Children home is: Spam & Kleenex.
- We had a great meeting for VBS and things are really looking good.
- There is a sign up sheet in the back to host the youth at their home. Please sign up in advance and show the youth you care about them.
- Men’s meeting next Sunday @ 4:30pm.

Times of Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am

Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm

Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm

Sermons are recorded for those who would like a copy.



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TEEN CORNER



Timothy nor do they see that Paul left Timothy in Ephesus to warn others to not teach any other doctrine. Therefore, we must be concerned with doctrine because Christian doctrine must be based upon the Scriptures of God.

Paul therefore continues with Timothy encouraging him in 1 Tim. 4:13, 16, "Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine . . . Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." The attention that Paul gives here is to ourselves and to our teaching in that it will benefit us as well as others. Therefore, we must give attention to our doctrine by taking the time to read it and understand.

Now, do you know what you believe and why you believe it? We should know and it should be based upon the doctrine of Christ. But, oftentimes, the word "doctrine" is looked at in a negative way and some churches are greatly opposed to advanced Biblical educations because someone went down the wrong road who stopped preaching the truth. Other Christians have gone so far as to say that too much knowledge is incompatible with Christianity. But, what did Paul mean when he said, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15)? How can one be eager, zealous and diligent in God's Word if they have only read certain passages, neglecting the rest of that which God gave to mankind? Study God's Word.

What does Christianity Mean to Me by Thomas McDonald

FIRST OFF I GUESS THE BEST THING TO DO WOULD BE TO START OFF WITH WHY I BECAME A CHRISTIAN. WELL TO PUT IT QUITE SIMPLY I KNEW THAT MY LIFE WAS NOT SAVED AND THAT I WAS IN SIN, I ALSO FELT THAT I WAS BEING LEFT OUT ON SOMETHING IMPORTANT. I FELT THAT IT WAS TIME TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP. SO WHAT DOES CHRISTIANITY MEAN TO ME EXACTLY? WELL GOOD QUESTION.

CHRISTIANITY MEANS TO BE PART OF A FAMILY. WHAT IS MEANT BY THIS? WELL A FAMILY IS NO DIFFERENT WHETHER IT BE PHYSICAL OR SPIRITUAL. IT IS MADE UP OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS WITH GOD BEING THE FATHER.

AND JUST LIKE A FAMILY IN A PHYSICAL SENSE WE HAVE OUR SHARE OF PROBLEMS. BROTHERS ARGUE SISTERS ARGUE RIVALRIES BUT WE ARE ALL STILL A FAMILY. SO EVEN THOUGH WE ACT LIKE A PHYSICAL FAMILY AND HAVE OUR UPS AND DOWNS DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE DON'T LOVE ONE ANOTHER. (JOHN 13:34-35). CHRISTIANITY IS AND WILL EVER BE A FAMILY ITS SELF NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO. WHETHER IT BE JAPAN, RUSSIA, AUSTRALIA, OR EVEN AFRICA. WHERE THERE IS A CHURCH WITH SOUND CHRISTIANS THERE IS A FAMILY. BOTH SPIRITUAL Y AND PHYSICALLY, THIS IS WHAT CHRISTIANITY MEANS TO ME.