

# Essential Doctrines for the New Christian

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## Introduction

The term doctrine and concept of doctrine is coming under more and more attack by the scoffers, cultists, and apostates that would seek to bring destructive heresies and false teachings into the body of Christian beliefs and theology. It is also under attack by those claiming to be of the body who have accepted false teachings that were introduced long ago and now seek to preserve as “tradition” that which is contrary to the Word of God.

Sound **doctrine** is that which is **true, correct**, and properly reflects mind and intent of God in His Word. No wonder so many false teachers and false churches seek to undermine and claim false those who use the bible as their only standard for doctrine (teachings) and beliefs.

Here is a proper perspective on doctrine:

- Doctrine without devotion is dead
- Devotion without doctrine is dangerous
- Doctrine with devotion is delightful

The following list is a basic summary of the essential bible doctrines (teachings) all New Christians to learn as soon as you are practically able. There are unfortunately many deceivers, false teachers, false churches, false apostles, false Christians and false brothers teaching false doctrines (teachings) yet claim to be Christian teachers and churches. How is a new Christian to know if you may be attending one of these false churches who teach contrary to the fundamental teachings of Jesus, the Apostles and all the New Testament Scripture?

The bible itself will prepare you to learn the truth and to avoid the false. It is up to you to learn how to do that. Work very hard to make daily reading of your bible and daily talking (prayer) to God a daily habit as quickly as you can. Do this and God will place you upon the Solid Rock of Jesus and the chance of you ever becoming deceived by what the bible calls false teachers will be very low indeed.

Our church will prepare and post to our bible study website many of the essential topics and more advanced topics as you continue your walk in Jesus. We have listed here the essential doctrines for every Christian to know and provided hotlinks to the specific topical study. This is a relatively small sampling of the more than 150 studies on our website. God Bless you on your walk and Christian journey.

## ESSENTIAL BIBLE DOCTRINES

### **BIBLIOLOGY: Authority of the Bible**

#### **Divine Inspiration of Old and New Covenants**

Authority of the Bible	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/authority.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/authority.htm</a>
Doctrinal Overview	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/doctrine.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/doctrine.htm</a>
Live by The Book	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/studyguide.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/studyguide.htm</a>
Book Outlines-NT	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/outline-NT.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/outline-NT.htm</a>
Book Outlines-OT	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/outline-OT.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/outline-OT.htm</a>

### **THEOLOGY: Divine Triune Nature of God**

#### **God is ONE BEING with a TRIUNE NATURE (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)**

God the Triune	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/triune.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/triune.htm</a>
Names of God	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/names.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/names.htm</a>
Nature of God	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/naturegod.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/naturegod.htm</a>

### **CHRISTOLOGY: Divine & Human Nature of Jesus the Messiah**

#### **Jesus is God-Man (Theanthropos); Fully God and Fully Man**

Jesus is God	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/jcgod.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/jcgod.htm</a>
Christology	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/christ.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/christ.htm</a>
Could Jesus Sin	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/jcsin.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/jcsin.htm</a>

### **PNEUMATOLOGY: Divinity and Ministry of the Holy Spirit**

#### **Holy Spirit is God and Indwells Born Again Believers**

Holy Spirit is God	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/HS-God.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/HS-God.htm</a>
Tongues: New Language?	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/tongues.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/tongues.htm</a>

### **SOTERIOLOGY: Saving Work of Jesus**

#### **Salvation: Grace through Faith, Not Works**

Atonement	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/atonement.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/atonement.htm</a>
What is Propitiation?	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible_study/pdfs/propitiation.pdf">http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible_study/pdfs/propitiation.pdf</a>
Cross of Christ	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/cross.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/cross.htm</a>
Message of Cross	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/cross-a.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/cross-a.htm</a>
Salvation	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/salvatn.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/salvatn.htm</a>
Infant Salvation	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/salvchld.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/salvchld.htm</a>
Eternal Security	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/eternal.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/eternal.htm</a>

#### **Sanctification: Role of Works in a Christian's life**

Follow Jesus	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/followJC.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/followJC.htm</a>
Deny-Self/Confess	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/denysself.htm">http://www.thelordschildren.org/denysself.htm</a>
Prayer	<a href="http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible_study/pdfs/prayer.pdf">http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible_study/pdfs/prayer.pdf</a>

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### **New Covenant Replaces Moses, Prophets, 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam, & Written Torah (Law)**

Mosaic Law Replaced <http://www.thelordschildren.org/lawchurch.htm>  
Covenants, Law, Blessing [http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible\\_study/pdfs/covlaw.pdf](http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible_study/pdfs/covlaw.pdf)  
Tithing: NT Doctrine? <http://www.thelordschildren.org/tithe.htm>

### **ANTHROPOLOGY: Doctrine of Mankind**

#### **Pre- and Post Fall State of Humanity**

What is Repentance? [http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible\\_study/pdfs/repentance.pdf](http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible_study/pdfs/repentance.pdf)  
All Children of God? <http://www.thelordschildren.org/childgod.htm>  
Marriage <http://www.thelordschildren.org/marriage.htm>  
Sexual Immorality [http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible\\_study/pdfs/seximm.pdf](http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible_study/pdfs/seximm.pdf)  
Heresy: Man can be God? <http://www.thelordschildren.org/gods.htm>  
Freewill, Sin, Evil [http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible\\_study/pdfs/freewill.pdf](http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible_study/pdfs/freewill.pdf)

### **ECCLESIOLOGY: Old & New Covenant Church**

#### **The Church is the Universal Body of Christ**

Universal Church <http://www.thelordschildren.org/church.htm>  
Local "Home Church" [http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible\\_study/pdfs/churchmodel.pdf](http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible_study/pdfs/churchmodel.pdf)  
Upon This Rock: Peter or Jesus <http://www.thelordschildren.org/rock.htm>  
Gospel <http://www.thelordschildren.org/gospel.htm>  
Faith <http://www.thelordschildren.org/faith.htm>  
Baptism <http://www.thelordschildren.org/baptism.htm>  
Grace <http://www.thelordschildren.org/grace.htm>  
Grace to Sin? [http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible\\_study/pdfs/grace-licen.pdf](http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible_study/pdfs/grace-licen.pdf)

### **ANGELOGY: Created Spiritual Beings**

#### **Elect Angels: of God and Fallen Angels: Satan & Demons**

Satan: Hollywood Fiction? [http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible\\_study/pdfs/satan.pdf](http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible_study/pdfs/satan.pdf)

### **ESCHATOLOGY: Doctrine of the Last Things**

#### **Global Eschatology: Second Coming of Jesus Christ**

Hell: Annihilation or Cons. <http://www.thelordschildren.org/hell.htm>  
Paradise & Heaven [http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible\\_study/pdfs/hvn-par.pdf](http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible_study/pdfs/hvn-par.pdf)  
Rupture of Rapture <http://www.thelordschildren.org/rapture.htm>

#### **Personal Eschatology: Believers Judgment Different From Non-believers**

Judgment and Hell <http://www.thelordschildren.org/judgment.htm>  
Where Did Jesus Go? <http://www.thelordschildren.org/jchell.htm>  
Where Will You Go? [http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible\\_study/pdfs/personal.pdf](http://www.thelordschildren.org/bible_study/pdfs/personal.pdf)  
Crucifixion-Resurrection <http://www.thelordschildren.org/Fri-Sun.htm>

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## DEFINITIONS

### Exegesis versus Eisegesis

There are two basic tenets of bible study that all students of Scripture need to be aware of and that is Exegesis and Eisegesis. Simply put, **exegesis** is the process of drawing out of Scripture that which is actually there and its counterpart is **eisegesis**, infusing into Scripture presuppositions, agendas, traditions, doctrine or other biases that are not. When studying the Word of God, we must to the extent possible not bring any presuppositions we have about God, the bible, church, salvation and other doctrines we assume to be true. Nobody lives in a vacuum and there will always be suppositions, things we already believe to be true.

What is essential for our growth and development in the Lord to test what we know in light of God's Holy Word. It comes down to two simple questions: What do we believe? And why do we believe it?

While most Christians think all their beliefs have come from the bible, just the opposite is true. Most beliefs come from oral teachings, traditions, society, sermons and presumption. The only way to discern truth is to know truth, and truth comes directly from the pages of Scripture. When a truth of God from the honest and diligent study of His Word directly contradicts a sincerely held belief, what do you do?

Many will try to alter what God's Word says by any number of different ways. Eisegesis is the place where Satan lives and deceives the entire world, "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world" (Revelation 12:9). Wouldn't it be nice if that dragon always reveals himself as the hideous beast he is, but unfortunately he does not. He tries to disguise himself as an angel of light, a counterfeit to God's genuine truth and holiness, "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" (2Corinthians 11:14).

True disciples of Jesus must learn to test the spirit to see where it is from so they may discern good from evil and the light from dark. The deceived never know or realize they are deceived until the light of God illumines their mind.

2Timothy 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

### Doctrine: New Testament

The numbers that appear before the word definitions below indicate the "Strong's Concordance" number that defines every Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek word in the bible and every verse in which that word appears.

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### **1319 διδασκαλία didaskalia (*did-as-kal-ee'-ah*)**

from 1320;; *instruction* (the function or the information):— TDNT-2:160,161; n f  
**NAS**-doctrine (9), doctrines (3), instruction (1), teaching (7), teachings (1).

**AV**-doctrine 19, teaching 1, learning 1; 21

1) teaching, instruction

2) teaching

2a) that which is taught, doctrine

2b) teachings, precepts

### **2085 ἑτεροδιδασκαλέω heterodidaskaleo (*het-er-od-id-as-kal-eh'-o*)**

from 2087 and 1320;*to teach other doctrine*:— TDNT-2:163,161; v

**NAS**-advocates a different doctrine (1), children (2), different doctrine (1), teach strange doctrines (1).

**AV**-teach other doctrine 1, teach otherwise 1; 2

1) to teach other or different doctrine

1a) deviating from the truth

### **SCRIPTURES:**

Matthew 15:9

'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS **DOCTRINES <didaskalia>** THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.'

Mark 7:7

'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS **DOCTRINES <didaskalia>** THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.'

Romans 12:7

if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his **teaching <1319 didaskalia>**;

Romans 15:4

For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our **instruction <didaskalia>**, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Ephesians 4:14

As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of **doctrine <didaskalia>**, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

Colossians 2:22

(which all *refer to* things destined to perish with use)—in accordance with the commandments and **teachings <didaskalia>** of men?

1 Timothy 1:3

As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus so that you may instruct certain men not to **teach strange doctrines <heterodidaskaleo>**,

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1 Timothy 1:10

and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound **teaching <didaskalia>**,

1 Timothy 4:1

But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and **doctrines <didaskalia>** of demons,

1 Timothy 4:6

In pointing out these things to the brethren, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, *constantly* nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound **doctrine <didaskalia>** which you have been following.

1 Timothy 4:13

Until I come, give attention to the *public* reading of *Scripture*, to exhortation and **teaching <didaskalia>**.

1 Timothy 4:16

Pay close attention to yourself and to **your teaching <didaskalia>**; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

1 Timothy 5:17

The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and **teaching <didaskalia>**.

1 Timothy 6:1-5

1 All who are under the yoke as slaves are to regard their own masters as worthy of all honor so that the name of God and *our* **doctrine <didaskalia>** will not be spoken against.

2 Those who have believers as their masters must not be disrespectful to them because they are brethren, but must serve them all the more, because those who partake of the benefit are believers and beloved. Teach and preach these principles.

3 If anyone **advocates a different doctrine <heterodidaskaleo>** and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the **doctrine <didaskalia>** conforming to godliness,

4 he is conceited and understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions,

5 and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.

2 Timothy 3:10

Now you followed my **teaching <didaskalia>**, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance,

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2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for **teaching <didaskalia>**, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

2 Timothy 4:3

For the time will come when they will not endure sound **doctrine <didaskalia>**; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,

Titus 1:9

holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound **doctrine <didaskalia>** and to refute those who contradict.

Titus 2:1

But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound **doctrine <didaskalia>**.

Titus 2:7

in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, *with* purity in **doctrine <didaskalia>**, dignified,

Titus 2:10

not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the **doctrine <didaskalia>** of God our Savior in every respect.