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**Doctrine**

2 Timothy 4:2-4 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. (KJV)

The time to sound the alarm is now, because many are not giving ear to anything of real substance anymore. What once may have been sound doctrine has now turned into fables, and many are more concerned with pleasing man than God.

II John 1:9-11 Whosoever transgresses, and abides not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abides in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. 10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: 11 For he that bids him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds. (KJV)

The Lord’s doctrine is singular, and is not really popular with the crowds because it teaches us that in order to live we have to die. In order to find your new life in Christ, you have to let go of the old one.

1 Corinthians 1:17-18 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. 18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. (KJV)

Many are willing to run to be baptized and think something spiritual is taking place, however, when it comes to what is really important, preaching the doctrine of Christ, many consider it foolishness. No wonder the enemy does all He can to discredit this doctrine because it leaves the believer powerless when he does so.

Mark 7:5-7 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands? 6 He answered and said unto them, well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, this people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. 7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. (KJV)

When you eliminate the Holy Spirit from the equation and put man in his place you end up with doctrines. Today many of man’s doctrines are still based on outward washings instead of looking within. The Lord tells us in verse 6 these people are hypocrites.

Romans 10:9-11 That if thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shall be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture says, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. (KJV)

Some people think that once you have confessed the Lord it’s all good. However, that is just the beginning, or the end depending on who you give ear to. As you can see in verse 10 salvation is a continual process based on the doctrine you allow into your heart.

Dearly loved, hold fast to the doctrine of Christ regardless of what others are preaching; remain the few who corrupt not the Word of God with false teachings or manner of life. And let the Holy Spirit continue to teach and lead you into all truth. God bless and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.