

Biblical Foundations for Ministry

Introduction to Bible Doctrines

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- a. Many useful things to learn for ministry
- b. Specifically: know the Bible (stories, lessons, rules, etc.)
- c. More specifically: know the key doctrines in the Bible

2. Doctrines

- a. The beliefs of the Christian faith
 - 1) From the Latin *docere* (to teach)
 - 2) Ph.D. doctorate (equipped to teach)
- b. Important to the early church
 - 1) Steadfast in the Apostles doctrine (Acts 2:42)
 - 2) Nourished on the words of faith and good doctrine (1 Tim. 4:6)
 - 3) Proclaim what is fitting for sound doctrine (Titus 2:1)
- c. This study will focus on key doctrines
 - 1) Teachings every Christian should know
 - 2) For you to teach to others
 - a) Explain concepts
 - b) Offer practical illustrations
 - c) Cite Bible texts

3. Major divisions

- a. God (theology)
- b. Christ (Christology)
- c. The Holy Spirit (pneumatology)
- d. Salvation (soteriology)
- e. Church (ecclesiology)
- f. Second Coming (eschatology)

4. Miscellaneous categories

- a. Introductory matters (prolegomenon)
- b. Man (Biblical anthropology)
- c. Angelic beings (angelology)
- d. Demons (demonology)
- e. Sin (hamartiology)

