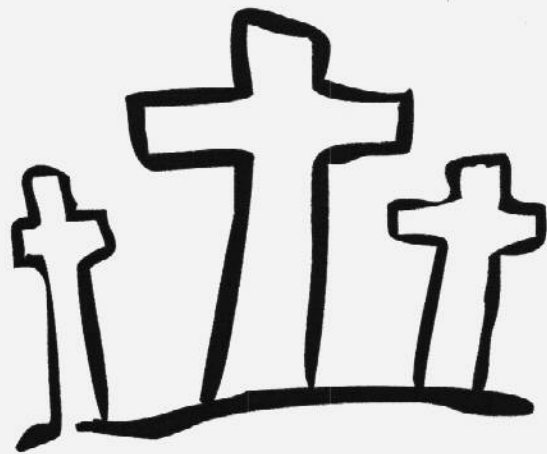


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Faith



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Beloved,
although I was very eager
to write to you
about our common salvation,
I found it necessary
to write appealing to you
to contend for the faith
that was once for all
delivered to the saints.

Jude 1:3

1. Googling Life

1. Googling Doctrine

2 Tim. 4:3

³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,

Since we are googling life, its important to get it right

1 Timothy 6:3-4

³If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, ⁴he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions

2. What is doctrine?

Latin: doctrina--the body of teachings

Greek: dogma--established teaching defining a group

God holds us accountable for *what we believe*

3. All Scripture testifies to the fact that God wants us to *know* and *understand* the truth.

4. The content of our faith is crucial. Sincerity is not sufficient.

5. Doctrine is our effort to articulate what God has made known.

6. Doctrine also serves to expose false interpretations of reality and false concepts of God

7. Doctrine makes sense of the individual's and the church's experience of God
8. God's Doctrine Is From God Himself.

- John 7:16-18¹

⁶So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me. ¹⁷If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. ¹⁸The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood.

- 2 Timothy 3:14-15

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

9. Where do you I find what I need? The Scriptures

Matt. 11:25-27

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

1 Cor 2:10-12

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

10. **The Object of Sound Doctrine**

The primary object of doctrine is God; always points to God
the secondary object is all things in relation to God.

11. **The End of Sound Doctrine**

2 Peter 3:18

¹⁸But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

12. Doctrine is key to life

• 1 Timothy 4:12-16

¹²Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. ¹³Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. ¹⁴Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. ¹⁵Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. ¹⁶Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

13. **Doctrine Results in:**

--Love

1 John 4:8 ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

--Humility

--Obedience

--Unity

--Worship