

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Josh Berryhill

Opening Prayer: Charles Berryhill

On the Table: Head - David Key
Servers - Bradley Box
Ralph Burleson
Blake Eddy

Closing Prayer: Al Corkren

Preparing the Lord's Supper Mary Eddy

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Billy Box / Eddy Dickinson

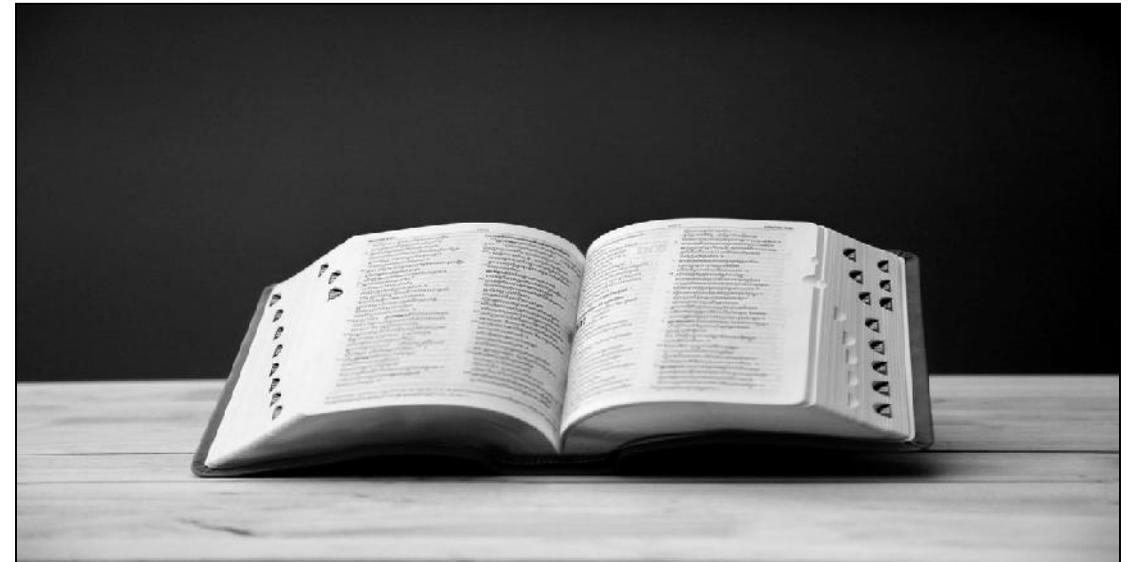
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The Bible Praises Doctrine

By Dan Jenkins

The disdain some have for doctrine in our day stands in marked contrast to the way the Holy Spirit exalts it. Instead of having little regard for doctrine, the early church proclaimed it. Do not lose sight of the charge brought against the apostles, “You have filled Jerusalem with this doctrine” (Acts 5:28).

The Holy Spirit Commands Preaching Doctrine

What does God want to be the nature of preaching in the kingdom? When Paul wrote young Timothy he answers this question. “Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine...” (2 Tim. 4:2-3). Any teaching that does not involve doctrine is seen by God as a departure from sound doctrine.

Without Doctrine Teaching Is Incomplete

Look at the verse immediately preceding the instructions to preach the word. In the Old Testament, the phrase “the man of God” was used to refer specifically to the prophets, who were the men of God. This phrase is part of Paul’s instruction to Timothy. He affirms that all Scripture comes by the inspiration of God and then lists what this inspiration gives. The Scripture is “...profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God man be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16-17). If the man of God ignores the doctrine found in the Bible, he is imperfect, and he will never equip those who hear him for every good work.

Doctrine Nourishes the Christian

Listen to Paul’s words again. “If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed” (1 Tim. 4:6). Instead of doctrine being detrimental to spirituality, it nourishes!

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Buddy Frazier: undergoing cancer treatments, please keep him in your prayers

Hunter Coal Corkren: treating his kidney problem with medicine, please be praying that this problem clears up with this treatment

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

David Warren: his surgery went well, please be praying that his cancer will be defeated

Bobby Sanderson: continues to improve, please pray he has no further problems

Gunner Pendley: recovering from severe brain injury and is in Shepherd’s in Atlanta, please keep him and family in your prayers

Janet Spann: has severe COPD and other health problems, please keep her and her family in your prayers

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Wyatt Spann: found two new spots on his brain, please pray that he will win this fight and defeat this cancer

Frank Farris: is recovering from a stroke, please keep him in your prayers

Kye Jackson: (Lindsey’s son) has some health problems, please pray that the doctors will be able to help him

Jeff Upton (Donna Martian’s Co-worker): weakness in his legs, please pray that this will improve

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please pray that she will improve

Ren Garrison (Donna Martian’s Nephew): will have an operation (12/17) dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that surgery will be successful in dealing with this problem.

Tyler Upton: is in Atlanta going through rehab for injuries received in an automobile accident, please keep him and his family in your prayers

W. H. Box: recovering from recent bypass surgery, please pray that he will have a successful recovery

Kloie Moore (infant) : dealing with RSV, please be praying that she improves

Winfred York: bladder cancer has returned, please be praying for him and Mrs. Vertie

Larry Eads: (member at Carbon Hill) diagnosed with stage 4 esophagus cancer, please keep him and his family in your prayers

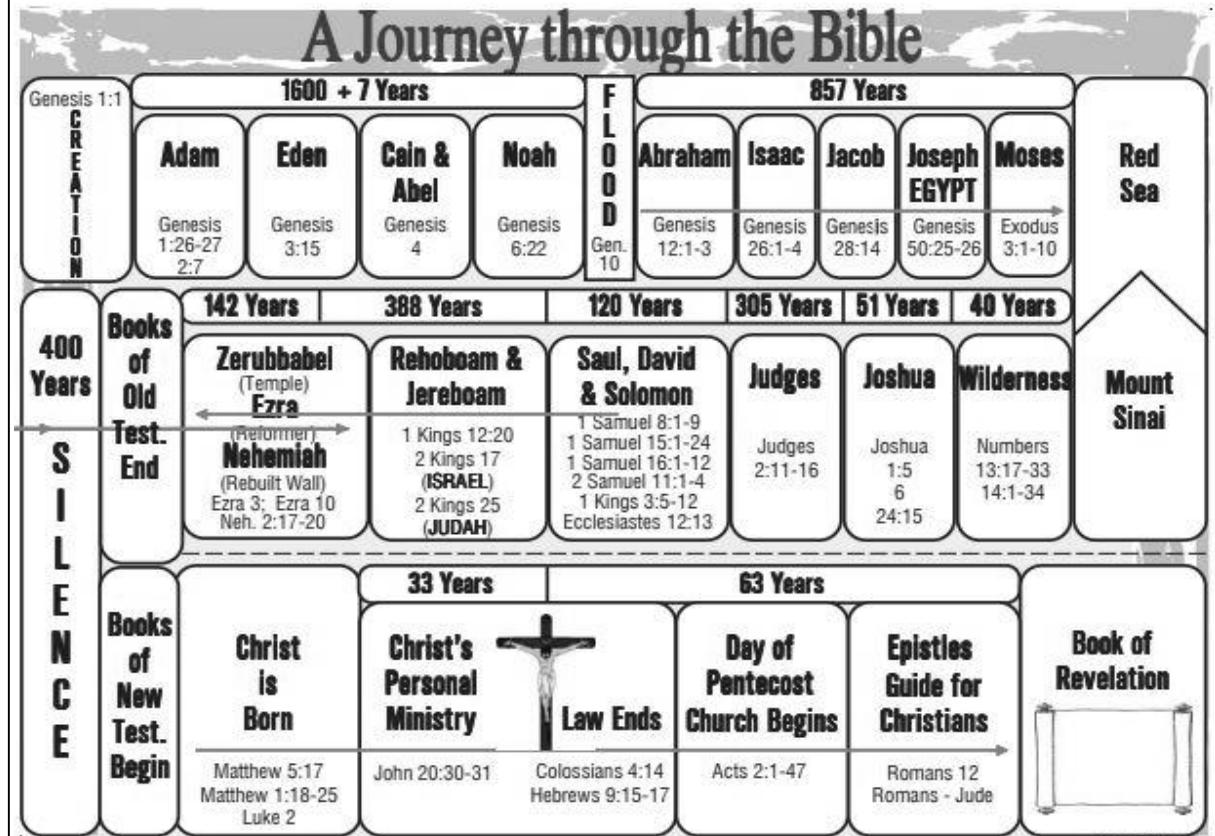
Jack Willis (Meg Rutledge’s Father) is fighting cancer, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Other Words About Doctrine

The Bible exalts doctrine. Doctrine is part of exhortation and conviction (Titus 1:9). We are to continue in doctrine (1 Tim. 4:16). We are to carefully follow doctrine (2 Tim. 3:10). Ignoring doctrine results in disputes, arguments, strife and wranglings (1 Tim. 6:3-4). There is so much more which could be added to this.

The next time you hear anyone talk about focusing only on the positives aspects of Christianity and ignoring the rest, you should be aware of what he has done. He has ignored sound teaching, departed from the faith, and kept others from God’s way of nourishing us to spiritual perfection.

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Those Words are Missing in My Bible

By Dan Jenkins

I once heard of a Christian having a Bible study with a friend about what one must do to be saved. He opened his Bible and urged the friend to read several passages which clearly revealed God’s plan of salvation. The friend’s reply was, “There are none of these verses in my Bible.” She went and got her Bible, and she was exactly right. She had literally cut out every one of the verses from her own Bible and thrown away those which she did not like.

As strange as it might seem, this was not the first time this ever happened. Less than 20 years before Jerusalem was destroyed and taken into Babylon, Jeremiah was pleading for all men, even the king, to change and return to God. A copy of the book of Jeremiah was brought to King Jehoiakim and read in his presence. “And it happened when Jehudi had read three or four columns, that the king cut it with the scribe’s knife and cast it into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the scroll was consumed in the fire” (Jer. 36:23). His view was that if you do not like what God says just cut it out of the Bible.

Human nature does not change that much. While no one is actually cutting verses out of the Bible, their actions show that their hearts are so much like Jehoiakim. There are several ways to “cut verses out of the Bible.”

There are some who, knowing that God would not approve of what they are doing, simply just never read the Bible. When encouraged by others to come to worship, they are adamant in the way they respond. They just cut God out of their lives.

There are also those who read the Bible trying to find verses which justify what they have decided is right. The Bible talks of those who read the Bible and then twist it to suit their own ideas (2 Pet. 3:16). While they do not literally have the scribe’s knife in their hands, they have one in their hearts.

Do you want to know His will for your life? Come to His word and “...hunger and thirst after righteousness” (Matt. 5:6). Remember His promise, “You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart” (Jer. 29:13). Jesus said it this way, “If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine” (John 7:17).

Our hearts must be so different than the heart of Jehoiakim. Paul speaks of that person who, with an open heart, comes to the Bible and reads about Jesus. As he looks at the image of Jesus, he is changed into that very same image by the Holy Spirit of God (2 Cor. 3:18). Do you want God to change you? Then open your Bible and honestly seek Him, but make sure you do not have a scribe’s pen in your hand!

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Upcoming Events

January 5 th	Country Place	2:00 pm
January 12 th	Nursing Home	2:00 pm

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