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## DOCTRINE MATTERS

### INTRODUCTION

“Matters” - important; significant; of consequence; has substance.

“Doctrine” - the act of teaching or giving instruction **and** what is taught (content).

### 1. DOCTRINE IS IMPORTANT

When the church began, (Acts 2:42) “they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine ... “

When Jesus taught, (Matt. 7:28-29) “the people were astonished at **his doctrine**: for he taught them as **one having authority**, and not as the scribes.”

(Matt. 15:9) “But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”

The people were astonished at the “doctrine” (singular) delivered by Jesus, but there are “doctrines” (plural) based on commandments of men.

Jesus taught: worship is vain when people teach “for doctrines the commandments of men.” It’s an “authority” problem.

### 2. DOCTRINE IS HEALTHY

(Titus 2:1) “But speak thou the things which become **sound doctrine**.”

“Sound” - to be well; to be in good health; our English word “hygiene.”

(2 Tim. 4:3) “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine ... “ meaning, society prefers a “fast food” only menu, and that’s not healthy.

(Acts 20:32) “I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance ... “

### 3. DOCTRINE IS PREVENTIVE

(1 Tim. 4:1-6) “... some shall depart from the faith ... put the brethren in remembrance of these things ... nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine ... “

(Jude v3-4) “earnestly contend for the faith ... certain men crept in unawares ... “

(Rms. 16:17) “... contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned ... “

(Titus 1:9) “Holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and convince the gainsayers.”

### 4. DOCTRINE IS NECESSARY FOR SALVATION - (1 Tim. 4:16 and 2 John v9)