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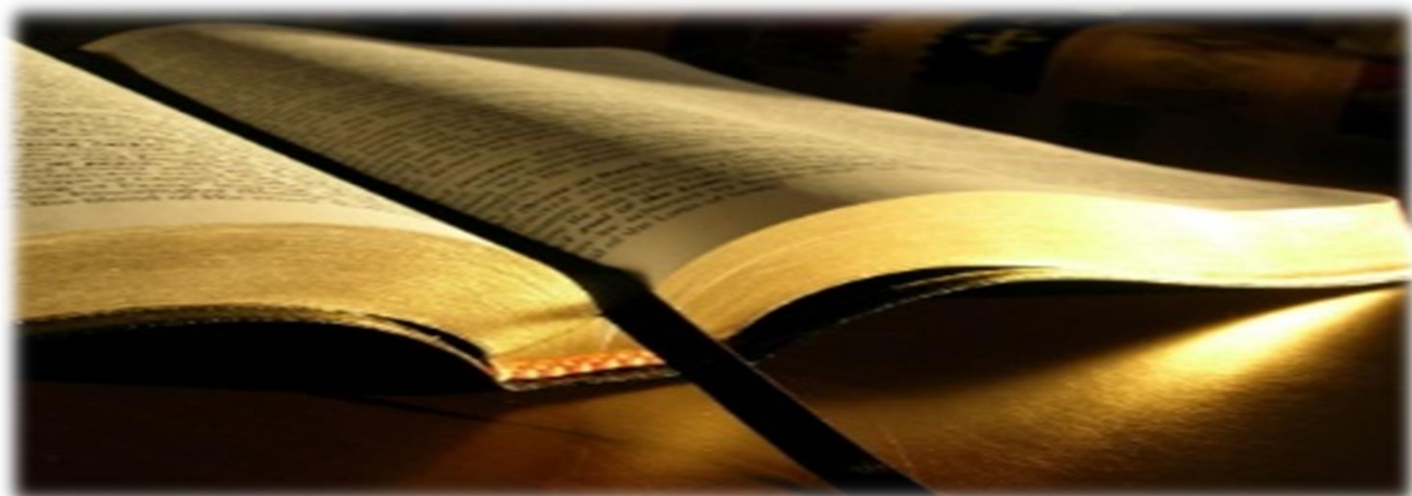
Doctrine of Christ

Is Doctrine Really Important?

John 12:44-50 Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. (45) And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. (46) I have come *as* a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. (47) And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. (48) He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. (49) For I have not spoken on My own *authority*; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. (50) And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

Hebrews 1:1-4 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, (2) has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; (3) who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, (4) having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

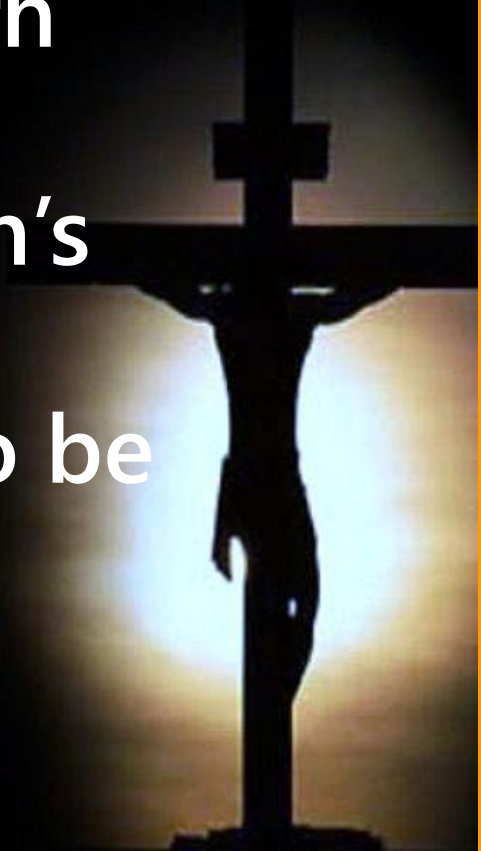
Hebrews 2:1-3 Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. (2) For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, (3) how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*,



Introduction

- **Why do we not have joint activities with other religious groups?**
- **Is Doctrine really important?**
 - **1 John 2:19**
- **Approximately 45,000 plus so-called “Christian” denominations**
 - **John 18:37-38**

- **FOUR VALUABLE TRUTHS:**
 - There is absolute truth and we can know it
 - God requires that man learn His truth
 - God's truth must mold man's character and conduct
 - God instructs His people to be unwavering in His doctrine



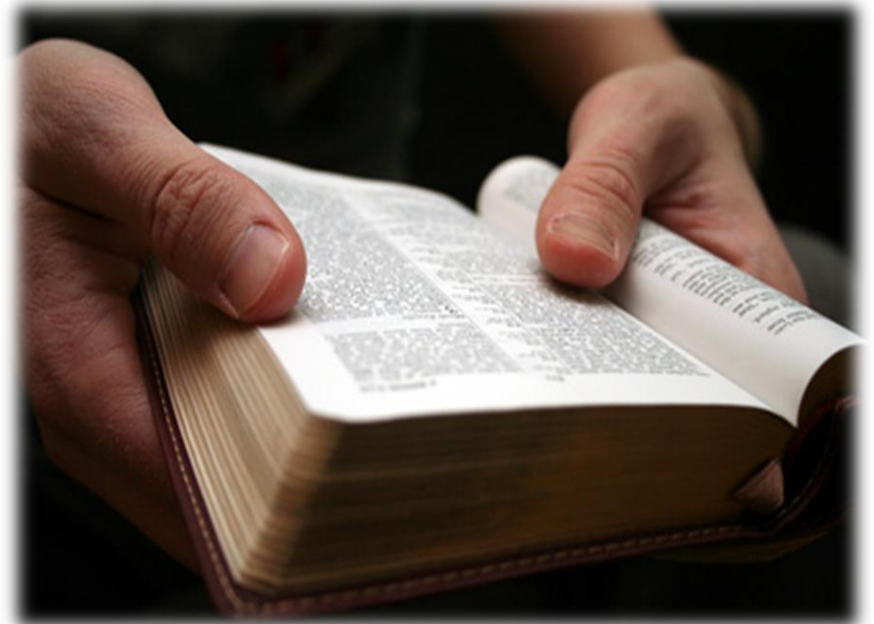
There Is Absolute Truth and We Can Know It

- Jesus declared that we can know truth

 - John 8:32

- Jesus declared His words were truth

 - John 17:17



The word of truth must be applied before sanctification can occur

There Is Absolute Truth and We Can Know It

- **Jesus affirmed His words are from God**
 - John 8:45; John 12:49
 - 1 Peter 4:11; John 16:13-15
- **Truth is of God – revealed to man**
 - Psalms 119:160
 - Romans 1:18, 25
 - Jeremiah 5:3



God Requires That Man Learn His Truth

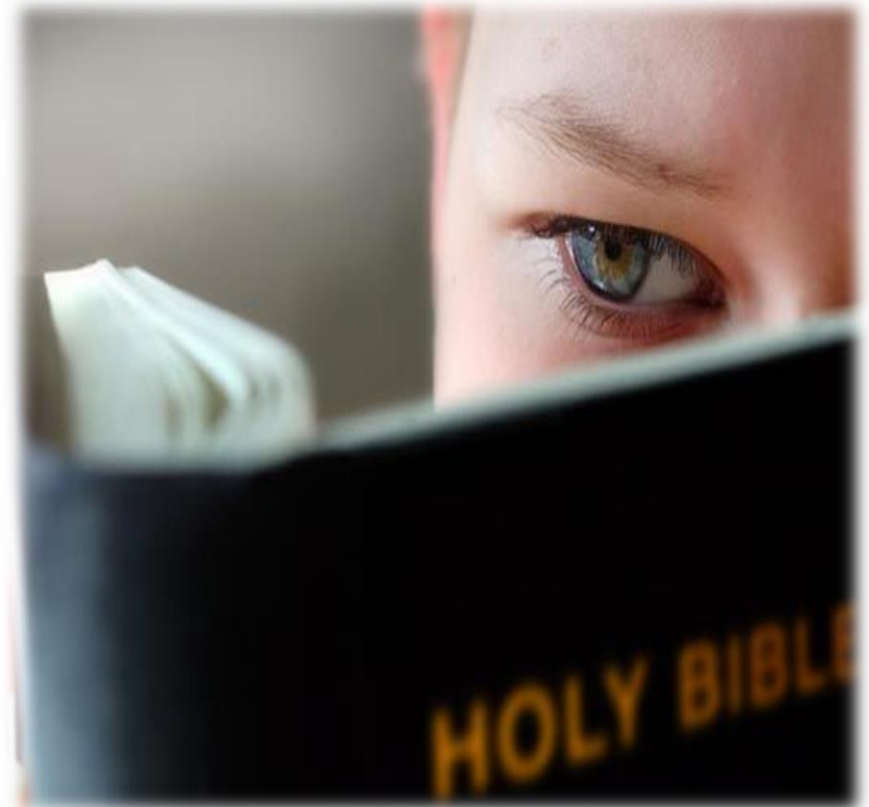
- **Knowing the truth is essential to salvation**

- 1 Timothy 2:3-4
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Galatians 3:26
- Hebrews 11:6
- Romans 10:14, 17
- Romans 6:17-18



God Requires That Man Learn His Truth

- **Knowing the truth is essential to maturing faith**
 - Hebrews 5:12-14
 - Hebrews 6:1
 - 1 Peter 2:2
 - Ephesians 4:11-12



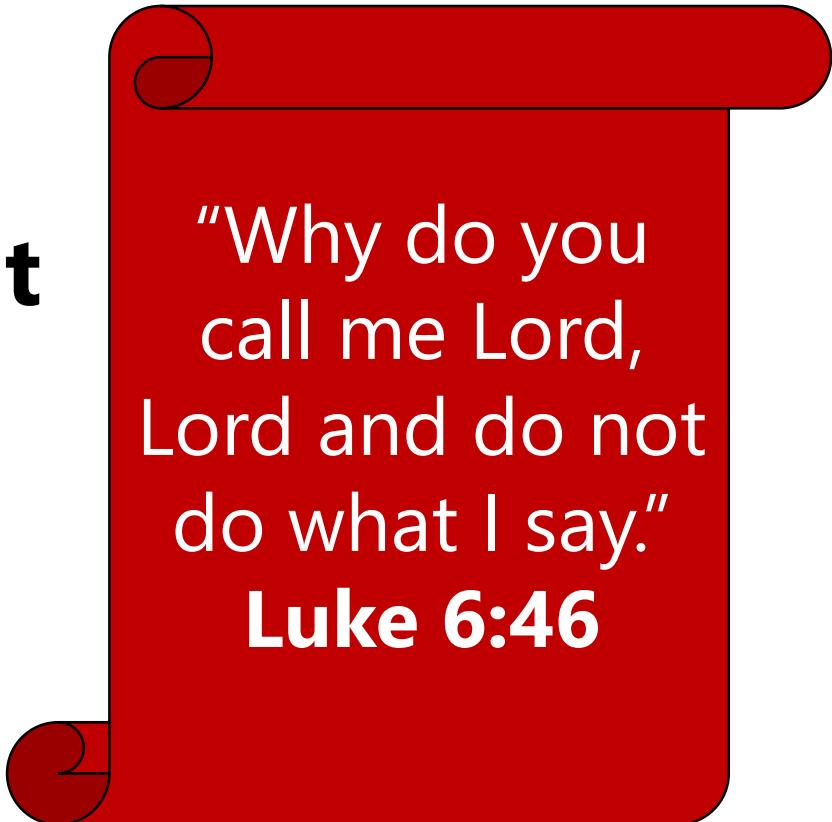
God Requires That Man Learn His Truth

- Those who follow Christ must be willing to learn
 - Matthew 11:29-30
 - 2 Timothy 2:15



God's Truth Must Mold Man's Character and Conduct

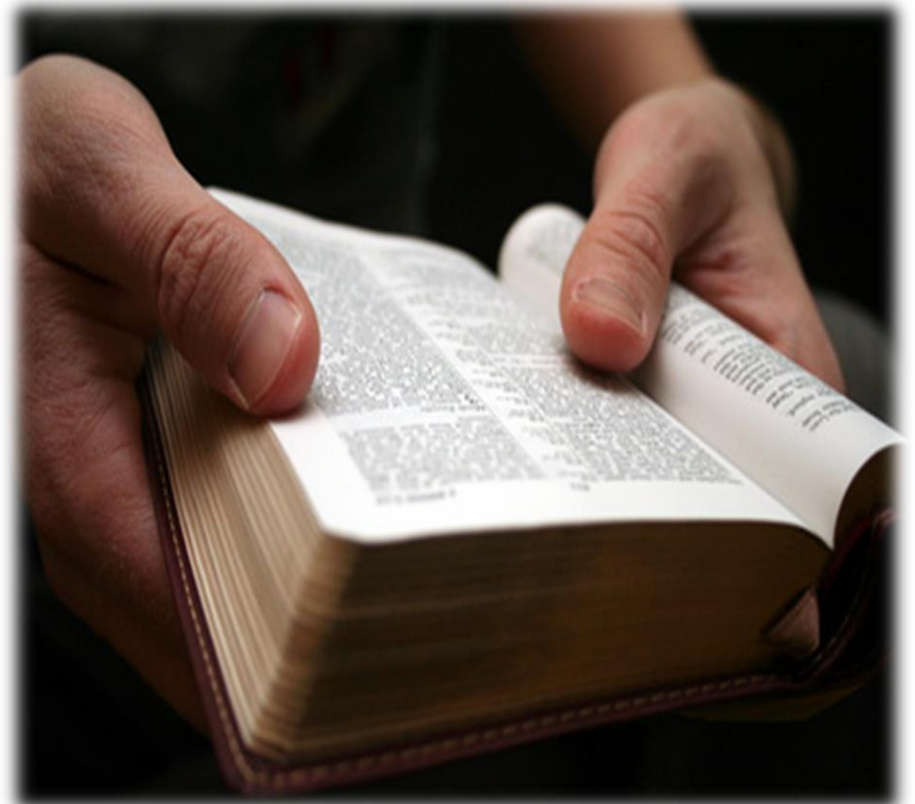
- **The word is only of value if we live it**
 - James 1:21-24
 - James 2:14-26
- **Doctrine limits what we can do, say or believe**
 - 1 Corinthians 4:6



"Why do you call me Lord, Lord and do not do what I say."
Luke 6:46

God's Truth Must Mold Man's Character and Conduct

- **Doctrine limits who we can fellowship**
 - Romans 16:17
 - 1 Timothy 6:3
 - 2 John 7-11
- **Paul to Timothy:**
 - 2 Timothy 4:1-4



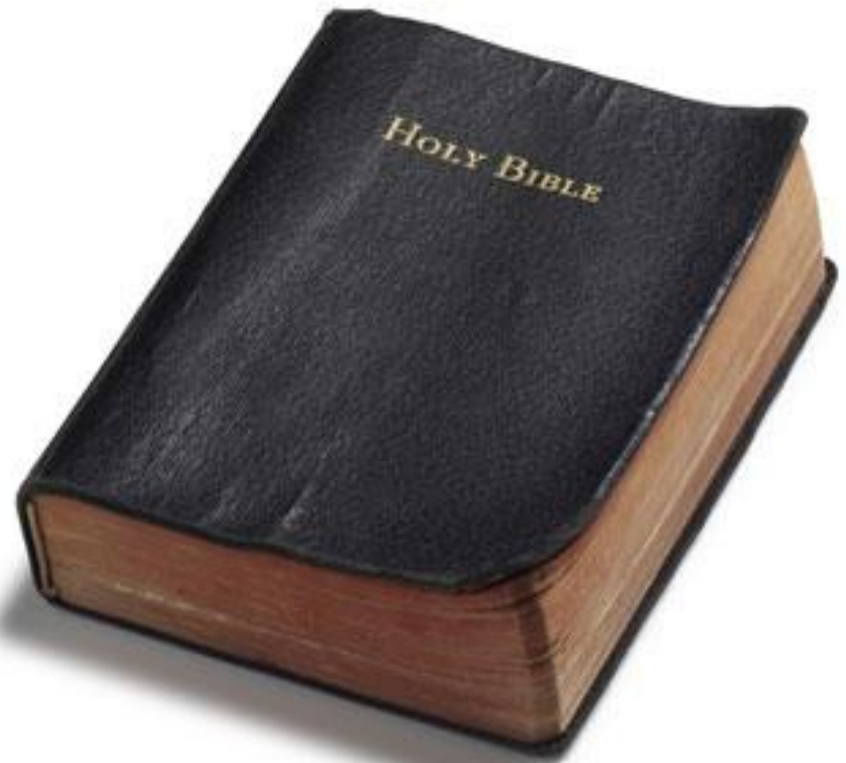
God Instructs That His People Be Unwavering in Doctrine

- **The Doctrine is complete**

- 2 Peter 1:3
- Hebrews 2:3-4
- Mark 16:20

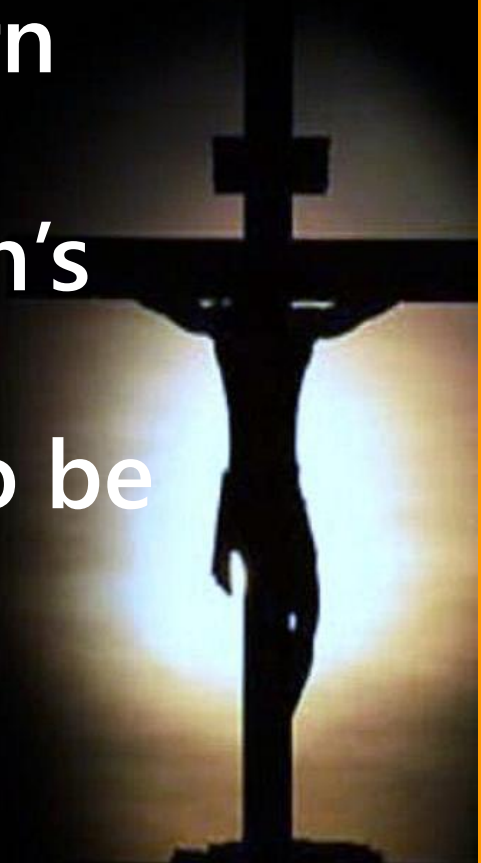
- **The Doctrine must be defended**


- Titus 1:9
- Jude 3



- **MUST STUDY THE DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE BECAUSE:**

- Needed to be set free from Satan
- God requires that man learn His truth
- God's truth must mold man's character and conduct
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- **Obedience to God's truth results in eternal salvation**
 - John 8:32; Romans 10:17
 - **Knowledge of the Word of God is essential to keep us from slipping away**
 - Hebrews 2:1