

The Azimuth Institute

Directional Study Notes

Bible Doctrine

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Introduction

The word “Doctrine” means “teaching”.

Therefore, Bible doctrines are Bible teachings or teachings found in the Bible.

The study of Bible Doctrines is an attempt to organize the primary teachings that our found in the Bible (e.g., God, Christ, Man, Church, etc.)

A. These teachings are important because God wrote them.

1. The Bible is the only book on earth written by God (2 Tim. 3:16; Isa. 40:8).

2. It is divided into two sections: Old Testament and New Testament.

There are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.

There were 40 authors over a period of 1500 years.

3. The subject of the Bible is God.

God desires that we know more about him.

“All we know about the Living Word is the Written Word.”

Cf. Ph. 3:10; 2 Pet. 3:18

B. Therefore, the study of the Bible is not optional for the Christian (1 Tim. 4:15-16, 2 Tim. 3:14-15).

1. The Bible says that a Christian shows his love for God by keeping His commandments.

To obey the Commandments, we must first know them (John 14:15, 21, 23-24, 15:10, 14).

The words “love” and “obedience” are almost identical in the original language.

C. It is also important to know what we believe and why (1 Peter 3:15).

D. It is also important to know what we don't believe (1 John 4:1-6).

I.e. some say that Jesus is just another god.

E. We must be able to share our faith, and to do that, we must learn to allow the Bible to speak for itself (Isa. 55:11; Heb. 4:12).

F. There are nine principle doctrines or teachings that are found in the Bible.

1. Bibliology – The study of the Bible

2. Theology – The study of God

3. Christology – The study of Christ

4. Pneumatology – The study of the Holy Spirit

5. Anthropology – The study of Man

6. Soteriology – The study of Salvation

7. Ecclesiology – The study of the Church

8. Angeology – The study of Angels

9. Eschatology – The study of Last Things

Throughout this course, we will look at them one at a time.