

## **Bible Doctrine 1 – Lesson 1**

### **Introduction to Bible Doctrine**

#### **Matthew 16:6-12**

**Introduction:** Webster's Dictionary define the doctrine as: "1. Teaching; instruction. 2. That which is taught; what is held, put forth as true, and supported by a teacher, a school, or a sect; a principle or position, or the body of principles, in any branch of knowledge; any tenet or dogma; a principle of faith; as, the doctrine of atoms; the doctrine of chances." In the New Testament the Greek word doctrine is didachē (did-akh-ay'). The proper definition of this word is: "to teach. In an active sense it means the act of teaching, instructing, tutoring." It also means, "means an established and formulated doctrine."

The ideas concerning theology differ greatly depending on your view of Scripture. Theology itself is the science or study of God and his works and systematic theology is the systematizing of the findings of that science. Some deny that theology is a science, doubting whether we can reach any conclusions in this field that can be regarded as certain and final. Influenced by the current culture the modern theologian begins with the preconceived notion that in theology, as in all other fields of inquiry, belief must never go beyond the mere setting up of a working hypothesis; it must never be expressed as something that is regarded as fixed and final. The liberal theologian, having rejected the infallibility of Scripture, believes that it is incorrect to hold any fixed views about God and theological truth. Biblical scholarship believes that there are some things in the world that are stable and fixed. Such as the regularity of the heavenly bodies, of the laws of nature, and of the science of mathematics as the basic proofs for this belief. Science may question the regularity even of the laws of nature, but the experienced believer in God sees in these apparent irregularities the intervention of God and the manifestation of his miraculous power.

I had a friend some years ago who went as a young preacher to preach for a church. That night he brought a message on the cross of Christ. After the service the pastor got up and made a statement that my friend relayed to me. The pastor said after the service, "That we don't preach that doctrine stuff around here." Now I wasn't there when my friend preached, and he was a young man and it is possible that he said something that he should not have said. But even if he had that is not the correct statement to make because according to the definition of Scripture every time we teach or preach the subject is doctrine.

#### **I. The definition of biblical doctrine.**

##### **A. The character of biblical doctrine.**

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B. The compulsion of biblical doctrine.

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**II. The determination of biblical doctrine.**

A. Biblical doctrine is based on the revelation of God.

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B. Biblical doctrine is understood because of the gifts to man.

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