

# Doctrine

## Lesson One Student - Introduction & Word of God

### I. Introduction: Statement of Faith

*Doctrine: "That which is presented for acceptance or belief, teachings as of a religious group."- from Larry Smith*

#### THE ESSENTIALS WE BELIEVE:

##### A. ABOUT THE BIBLE

We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God, a divine revelation from God to man. We accept the Scriptures as the supreme source and final authority in all matters of faith and conduct. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error.

II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21; II Timothy 1:13;  
Psalm 119:105, 160, 12:6; Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 19:7-10

##### B. ABOUT GOD

We believe in the one ever-living, eternal God: infinite in power, holy in nature, attributes and purpose; and possessing absolute, indivisible deity. This one true God has revealed Himself as Father: through His Son, in redemption; and as the Holy Spirit in the church age.

Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10, 44:6; Ephesians 4:5-6;  
I Corinthians 8:4; James 2:19; Revelation 4:2

##### C. ABOUT SALVATION

We believe that all men have sinned and stand in need of redemption, which is obtained through the new birth, by faith, in the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Those repenting and being born again become children of God and heirs through Christ.

Romans 6:23; John 14:6; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; Romans 6:1-7; II Corinthians 5:17; Luke 13:3; I Peter 3:21; Romans 8:1-16; John 3:5; Acts 2:38



#### D. ABOUT THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST AND ETERNITY

We believe that people were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through forgiveness and salvation. We believe that Heaven and Hell are real places of eternal existence. We believe in the return of Jesus Christ to receive His bride, the church, to Himself. At His coming, we believe the dead in Christ will be resurrected from the grave.

John 3:16; John 14:1-3; Romans 6:23; Romans 8:17-18; I Corinthians 2:7-9;  
Revelation 20:15; Titus 2:13; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Philippians 3:20-21;  
I Corinthians 15:51-54; Revelation 22:17, 20

## II. The Word of God

*The word of God reveals the way to salvation and eternal life. The Bible is the final authority for faith and morals, doctrine and lifestyle. It is basically plain, meant to be understood, and meant to be read and obeyed by all. The Bible is a unique and special book; it is the living breathing word of God.*

### A. Overview

*In the beginning how did God communicate with Man?*

There was no written word of God for the first \_\_\_\_\_ years of human history. God communed with man. In the beginning (Gen 3:8) Adam and Eve heard the voice of God walking in the Garden, it was there God communed with them.

God also spoke with Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Moses.

He communed with man through his\_\_\_\_\_.

Another way God spoke to man was through their\_\_\_\_\_.

*“But [there is] a spirit in man: and the **inspiration** of the Almighty giveth them understanding.” Job 32:8*

The Bible is given to us by God as a way to communicate his plan. We are to study His word and know His word.



*“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me”. **John 5:39***

We will be judged by two books, the book of \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ . Rev. 20:12-15.

James 1:23, Jeremiah 23:29, Psalm 119:105,  
Hebrews 4:12, I Peter 2:2, Matthew 4:4

### **B. The Bible is the Written, Inspired Word of God!**

We believe that this book, the Bible was penned by \_\_\_\_\_. God did not do it physically but used holy and righteous men to write what He wanted them to. God moved through them.

*“All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” **II Timothy 3:16***

*“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” **II Peter 1: 20 & 21***

*“God said not to add to or take away from his word. He warns that if you do then the plagues that are in this book will be added unto you.” **Revelation 22:18 – 20***

### **C. The Authenticity of the Word of God**

The Word is \_\_\_\_\_!

*“Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth.” **John- 17:17***

\_\_\_\_\_ is the living Word.

*“In the beginning was the word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” **John- 1:1***

*“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

**John- 1:14**



The Bible has been proven throughout time and history. It was compiled by many men yet is had \_\_\_\_\_.

There are many proofs outside of the Bible in science, medicine, history, archaeology (the Dead Sea Scrolls), and prophecy.

**Isaiah 40:22** - *the earth is round, spherical*  
**Job 26:7** - *the earth's place on the axis in space*  
**Hebrews 11:3** - *Atoms and solid matter and gas*  
**Jeremiah 33:22** - *the stars*  
**Leviticus 17:11** - *medicine, life is in the blood*  
*The flood is mentioned in the history of early civilizations.*  
*The Dead Sea Scrolls give archaeological evidence of the age and validity of the word of God.*

#### **D. How did the Bible come about, when was it written, and how old is it?**

As we mentioned earlier there was no written word for the first \_\_\_\_\_ years of human history. The \_\_\_\_\_ were the first record we have of God writing to mankind.

Moses was the first person to see the written word of God. It was Moses who God used to pen the first five books of the bible, known as the Pentateuch.

The Bible was written over a 1600 year span by more than \_\_\_\_\_ writers. It was written on three different continents.

In the Old Testament the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ made copies of the law. The scribes followed certain guidelines so that nothing was changed or discarded from the original manuscript.

*"And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites."*

**Deuteronomy 17:18**

The \_\_\_\_\_ was a great invention that allowed the Bible to be printed and available to all men and women. The first Bible was printed in 1488 A.D. It is called the Gutenberg (Goot-en-burg) Bible.

Throughout time, the Bible has been translated into the common language of the people. The main translations that people study are the original Hebrew, the



Greek, the Latin, and the English. The main English version is the King James Version.

The Bible has survived centuries of time, persecution and criticism. It has become one of the best loved books in all of history. It is an all time bestseller.

A French philosopher, Voltaire, said the Bible would be extinct by 1850. However, years later his printing press was used to print Bibles. Jesus said,

*"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."*

**Matthew 24:35**

## E. What's in the Bible?

The Bible is one Book, one history, one story - \_\_\_\_\_ story.

From Genesis through Revelation, you can see the plan of God. It is said, "If you pull a string in Genesis it will pucker in Revelation".

Two main divisions are the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament is the covenant God made with man about his salvation before Christ came. The New Testament is the agreement God made with man about his salvation after Christ came.

Each testament is divided into \_\_\_\_\_ sections.

- Old Testament - Law, History, Poetry, Major Prophets, Minor Prophets.
- New Testament - Gospels, History, Epistles, General Epistles, and Prophecy.

## F. Context and Application

*How do we read the word of God and apply it to our lives effectively?*

The Bible was planned out carefully and must be studied in its entirety.

*"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*

**II Timothy 2:15**



Each application of scripture must be in harmony with the total meaning and message of the scripture, not just a verse here and there.

Rule of three: “In the mouth of two or three witnesses” **Matthew 18:16**. The truths of the Bible will be repeated throughout His word. Look for three examples.

Before applying scripture, look at the 5 W's. Who, When, Where, What, and Why. This will give you greater understanding as you study the scriptures.

Use valuable aids such as

- reference Bibles
- Concordances
- Bible dictionaries
- Online resources such as [blueletterbible.com](http://blueletterbible.com).

Listen to His spirit as you read the word.

*“Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth”* **John 4:23-2**



## The Word of God Establishes Doctrine

*"They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so"*

**Acts 17:11**

We must obey what the \_\_\_\_\_ taught. The apostles preached the truth. We will know this truth through the word of God.

*"Yeah, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."*

**II Tim. 3:12-16**

*"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears".*

**II Tim 4:2-3**

Doctrine will save you and those that hear you.

*"Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."*

**I Timothy 4:13-16**

*"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. Answer said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

**Galatians 1:8-12**



**Matthew 16:18-19** says to build the church upon the rock. The rock is the revelation of who He is which is found in the Word.

We must abide in the doctrine of Christ in order to have God.

*“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son”*

**II John 9**

Warnings of false doctrine are found in II Cor 11:10-15, Ephesians 4:14-15, Col 2:8-9

Hide God’s word in your\_\_\_\_\_. (Proverbs 2) We hide His Word in our hearts by hearing, reading, studying, memorizing, and meditating

**We must also be a doer of the word!**

*“Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:”*

**James 1:21-23**

