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“Doctrine Twisting”
How Core Biblical Truths Are Distorted
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Theme – “Preparing for the challenges of this new day”
2 Peter 1:3-11

Emphasis – “Promoting Our Love” 1 John 4:19

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Textbook: Doctrine Twisting – How Core Biblical Truths Are Distorted
by H. Wayne House and Gordon Carle

My suggested readings:

The complete guide to Christian Denominations by Ron Rhodes

The Person and Work of The Holy Spirit by R. A. Torrey

Concise Theology – A guide to historic Christian beliefs by J. I. Packer

God IS The Gospel by John Piper

Ten lies about God by Erwin Lutzer

Pulpit Crimes – The criminal mishandling of God’s word by James White

Objective: This course has been prayerfully and thoughtfully implemented into the curriculum of the UBSC of IL Congress of C. E. to enlighten disciples of Christ in the aspects of Christian Apologetics from the standpoint of building defenses against internal forces that have distorted conventional, conservative and classic doctrinal teachings about the Scripture. We hope to solidify if only in part the belief in theology proper over and against the views of supposed Christian organizations who have strayed far away from the beaten path as paved by Christ, the apostles, the church fathers and handed down to us from those entrusted to do so by the aid of The Holy Spirit. Moreover, we aim to further instruct post-modern disciples of the unity around the core doctrines that distinguish Christian denominations from heterodox groups and sects who are clearly out of harmony with the teachings of Scripture and orthodox Christianity.

Acts 20:27-30 ESV ²⁷ *for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.*

²⁸ *Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.*

²⁹ *I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;* ³⁰ *and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.*

2 Timothy 4:3-4 ESV ³ *For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,* ⁴ *and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.*

The Core Doctrines of Orthodox Christians

1. There is one God who is eternally existent as three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. The Bible, in whole and in part, is the written Word of God and thus is fully authoritative and sufficient for the Christian’s beliefs and practice.
3. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, born of the virgin Mary, being both fully God and fully man with neither confusion of natures nor division of person.
4. Jesus died as a substitutionary sacrifice for humankind, his death alone being necessary and sufficient for our redemption.

5. Jesus Christ was raised from the dead in the same physical body in which He died, though glorified, now subject to neither death nor decay.
6. Jesus will return again bodily to receive his people and judge the wicked.
7. Justification is by grace through faith alone.

The Five Solas:

Sola Scriptura ("Scripture alone"): The Bible alone is our highest authority (2 Tim 3:16; Rom 15:4).

Sola Fide ("faith alone"): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ (Eph 2:8).

Sola Gratia ("grace alone"): We are saved by the grace of God alone.

Solus Christus ("Christ alone"): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King (Col 1:14-20).

Soli Deo Gloria ("to the glory of God alone"): We live for the glory of God alone (1 Cor 10:31).

Creeds and Articles

<http://www.christianityinview.com/creeds>

<http://www.nationalbaptist.com/about-nbc/what-we-believe>

<http://www.carm.com>

http://www.gotquestions.org/questions_God.html

HOW IS THE BIBLE THE WORD OF GOD?



Psalm 119:105 *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

Numbers; Deuteronomy 1:1-3; Ezra 1:1-2; Revelation 1:9-11

WHO OR WHAT IS GOD?

The Trinity – Father, Son, Holy Ghost



Jesus Christ: Man, Myth or More? **John 20:30-31** ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Jesus' Resurrection: Was it His actual body? **John 20:30-31; 21:1-14**

The Holy Spirit: What can we know about Him? **Genesis 1:1-2; Psalm 51:11; Psalm 139:7-10; Judges 13:24-25; 14:19; John 14:16-17; 26; 16:7-11**

Humanity and sin: Who are we and what have we done? **Romans 3:10-18**

The Atonement: How can we be saved by the death of Christ? **Colossians 1:20; 2:14**



Salvation: Is it by faith or by works? ***Ephesians 2:4-10***

Christ's second coming: Is it physical or Spiritual? ***Mark 13:14-27;***
1 Corinthians 15:50-55; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 John 3:2

The Doctrine of Rewards and Punishment: How will God mete out justice?
2 Corinthians 5:10; Hebrews 9:27-28; Revelation 19:11-21; 20:11-15