

**“Know What You Believe”
2 Timothy 3:14 – 17**

But you should continue following the teachings you learned. You know they are true, because you trust those who taught you. Since you were a child you have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise, and that wisdom leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:14 – 17)

Bible Doctrines (a partial list) ☺

Theology
Bibliology
Christology
Pneumatology
Hamartiology

Soteriology – Redemption, Atonement, Propitiation, Justification, Sanctification, Glorification

Eschatology

Important to know what you believe about:

1. God

Genesis 1:1 “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Hebrew word for God here is “Elohim.” In Genesis 3:4 word for God is “Jehovah”

Everything I believe starts with God. What God? The God of the Bible. Not Buddha, not Hare Krishna, not the Muslim God...

God’s attributes are too many for one sermon. Several are: God is eternal, Omnipotent, omniscient, omni-present, love, wisdom

2. The Bible

Deuteronomy 6:8; 2 Timothy 3:16

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Deuteronomy 6:6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.
7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.
9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

We have the total, whole, inspired Word of God – 2 Tim. 3:16.

Not to add to it, or take away from it – (Deut. 4:2; Prov. 30:5,6; Rev. 22:18)

3. Man

Genesis 1:26, 27 "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image...'"

Man was made in God's image as a personal, rational and moral being. While God is infinite and man is finite, he possesses the elements of personality as the divine – intellect/thinking, emotional/feeling and will/decision making.

Did God make mankind to be robots? or did He give them commands with a will to make a choice?

4. Sin

Genesis 2:16, 17; 3:6, 7, 14-17; Romans 5:12; 3:23

Did Adam and Eve have to sin? Did Cain have to murder his brother?

Here in Genesis we see the abuse of free will – man chose wrong! God is not the author of evil – He did not and does not force man to sin!

No, they chose to disobey God. In simplest form, sin is breaking God's law, disobeying God. "Whoever commits sin breaks the Law, for sin is the breaking of God's law."

5. Salvation

Only one way of salvation in the Bible – faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross as the perfect sinless Lamb of God

OT foreshadowing was in the skins from the animals God killed to cover Adam & Eve's nakedness, Abel's sacrifice of the first of his flocks (Gen. 4:4), the ark of Noah, the sacrifices made all throughout the OT.

2 Timothy 3:15; Romans 1:16; 1 Timothy 2:3-6

Aminianism - Calvinism - Reformed Theology - Covenant Theology Kingdom Theology - Dominion Theology –

God dealt with mankind in the Bible in different ways which we call Dispensations of time – without being extreme about it I believe there are 7 dispensations of time in the Bible. Innocence, Conscience, Human Government, Promise, Law, Church Age or Age of Grace, Kingdom Age.

In addition there are 8 Covenants or major promises God made in the Bible, 3 for all mankind, and 5 for Israel – such as the Abrahamic covenant and the Davidic covenant. God always keeps His promises to Israel, to the church, to you and to me.

I'm not a 5 point Calvinist, because I don't believe in a limited atonement – that Jesus only died for the chosen. That God chose some to go to heaven and chose others to go to hell.

notice what the Bible says about the recipients of salvation: All

John 3:16

1 Timothy 2:3-6

1 John 2:2 He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

Next week as we continue this series on Knowing What You Believe, we'll look at Living What You Believe and see how Salvation fits into your Practice of Evangelism and Discipleship.

Matthew 28:19, 20; Mark 16:15 and where does an invitation or lack thereof fit into your belief system?