Video Sharing-Abiding in The Doctrine of Christ

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Text

- **2Ti 4:1** I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and His Kingdom.
- 2Ti 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; <u>reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.</u>
- 2Ti 4:3 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:
- 2Ti 4:4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables.
- **2Jn 1:9** 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.
- Col 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:
- Col 2:7 Rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.
- Col 2:8 <u>Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit,</u> <u>after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.</u>
 Col 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

I. What is a Heresy?

Heresy is a false teaching or doctrine contrary to Scripture.

II. Prominent Heresies

- a. <u>Monarchianism</u> God is one person. Jews believe in the oneness of God and deny that Messiah has come in the flesh
- b. **Mormonism** which teaches God is an exalted man from another planet and that we can become gods.
- c. **The Jehovah's Witnesses** deny the Trinity, deny the deity of Christ, and deny salvation by grace alone through faith alone.
- d. **Roman Catholicism** deny salvation by faith and believes in works towards salvation, promotes Mary worship, Purgatory as a place of temporary punishment. It took out the second Commandment and split the 10th Commandment into two to make their own 10 commandments.
- e. Albigenses Reincarnation and two gods: one good and other evil.
- f. **Apollinarianism** Jesus' divine will overshadowed and replaced the human.
- g. **Arianism** Jesus was a lesser, created being.
- h. **Docetism** Jesus was divine but only seemed to be human.
- i. <u>Eutychianism</u> Jesus finite human nature is swallowed up in His infinite divine nature.

- j. <u>Gnosticism</u> the world was created and ruled by a lesser divinity and that Christ was somewhat like an ambassador. Salvation comes through knowledge.
- k. **Kenosis** Jesus gave up some divine attributes while on earth.
- Marcionism An evil God of the O.T., good God of the N.T. He accepted only Luke's Gospel [with omissions like Ch 1&2, rejected all epistles except Pauls's [with removal of verses].
- m. **Modalism** God is one person in three modes.
- n. **Monophysitism** Jesus had only one nature: divine.
- o. **Nestorianism** Jesus was two persons.
- p. **Patripassionism** The Father suffered on the cross.
- q. Pelagianism Man is unaffected by the fall and can keep all of God's laws.
- r. Semi-Pelagianism Man and God cooperate to achieve man's salvation.
- s. **Socinianism** Denial of the Trinity. Jesus is a deified man.
- t. <u>Subordinationism</u> The Son is lesser than the Father in essence and or attributes.
- u. <u>Tritheism</u> The Trinity is really three separate gods.
- v. **Adoptionism** God granted Jesus powers and then adopted him as a Son.

III. <u>Importance of Sound [Correct] Doctrine</u>

a. Crucial for Salvation:

1Ti 4:16 <u>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.</u>

b. Crucial for Spiritual Growth

1Pe 2:1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

1Pe 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, **that ye may grow thereby:**

1Pe 2:3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

c. Building on Rock [Sound Doctrine, Obedience] or Sand [False Doctrine Disobedience]

Mat 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which <u>built his house upon a rock</u>:

Mat 7:25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

Mat 7:26 And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which <u>built his house upon the sand</u>:

Mat 7:27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

d. Doctrine is teaching from God

"According to one definition, doctrine is teaching from God about God that directs us to the glory of God." [https://www.ligonier.org/blog/what-doctrine/]

Joh 6:45 It is written in the prophets, and they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

1Th 4:9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

e. God has directed us to teach it:

Tit 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

f. Doctrine must be based on Scripture:

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

- g. God has enabled us by His grace to learn and apply His truth:
- Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
- Tit 2:12 <u>Teaching us</u> that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;
- Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
- Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.
- Tit 2:15 <u>These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority</u>. Let no man despise thee.

h. Contend for the faith:

Jud 1:3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

- i. Beware of false prophets & teachers:
- **2Pe 2:1** But there were <u>false prophets</u> also among the people, even as there shall be <u>false teachers</u> among you, who privily shall bring in <u>damnable heresies</u>, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2Pe 2:2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.
- 2Pe 2:3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

IV. The Doctrine of Christ-The central message of the gospel:

1Co 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

1Co 15:4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

V. The Doctrine of Christ-The Incarnation

a. The second Adam is God from Heaven

1Co 15:47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

1Co 15:48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

1Co 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Joh 1:1 <u>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.</u>

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

b. Word [The only begotten Son of the Father] became flesh

Joh 1:14 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.

Joh 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; **the only begotten Son**, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

c. Born of a virgin

Mat 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

VI. The Doctrine of Christ-The Christ [Messiah]

Joh 20:30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

Joh 20:31 But these are written, that <u>ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name.</u>

1Jn 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: <u>Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus</u> Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

1Jn 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

VII. The Doctrine of Christ-The Creator & Giver of Life

Col 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:
Col 1:16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

VIII. The Doctrine of Christ-He is fully God

Col 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.
Col 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the **great God** and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Joh 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Joh 8:57 Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?

Joh 8:58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, **Before Abraham was, I am.**

IX. The Doctrine of Christ-He is fully Man

- a. He was born a baby (Luke 2:7).
- b. He grew

Luk 2:40 And **the child grew**, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

c. He grew tired

Joh 4:6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus, therefore, being <u>wearied with his</u> <u>journey</u>, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

d. He got thirsty:

Joh 19:28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, **I thirst.**

e. He became hungry

Mat 4:2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward **hungered**.

f. He became physically weak

Luk 23:26 And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus.

- g. He died (Luke 23:46).
- h. And he had a real human body after his resurrection 27).

Luk 24:39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

X. The Doctrine of Christ-He is fully God & fully Man

There are <u>five main truths</u> with which the Chalcedonean Creed summarized the biblical teaching on the Incarnation:

- 1. Jesus has two natures He is God and man.
- 2. Each nature is full and complete He is fully God and fully man.
- 3. Each nature remains distinct.
- 4. Christ is only one Person.
- 5. Things that are true of only one nature are nonetheless true of the Person of Christ.

https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/how-can-jesus-be-god-and-man

Note: The Atonement is only possible because Yeshua is fully God & fully Man.

XI. A Faithful Preacher/Teacher

Mal 2:6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity and did turn many away from iniquity.

Mal 2:7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

Tit 2:7 <u>In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,</u>

Tit 2:8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

1Pe 4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth**.