

DOCTRINE

What it is and why is it so important

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2 Timothy 3:16 *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

Let us pray...

Luther's attitude was very different from other reformers of his day. To him, Christianity was a matter of "***Doctrine first and foremost***", because "***true religion was first and foremost a matter of faith***"; and faith is correlative to Truth. Jesus said "***you can not worship God outside of Spirit and truth***", therefore truth is essential for true worship. Bible Doctrine is the teaching of God's Truth. Faith itself is a revelation from God of the Truth that God wishes to portray to His people and God will not accept any worship of Himself that is outside the boundaries of that Truth. Therefore worship in order to be acceptable in His sight, must come via the channel of true doctrine or teaching. The study of God's truth brings people to a trust in God through Jesus Christ, as He stands revealed in the Gospel, and that study is called The Doctrine of Christ.

According to Luther, "***Doctrine is the basis for our faith,***" and "***fundamental to the Christian Religion***". William Branham, God's vindicated prophet to this last church age and perhaps the greatest prophet of God to ever walk the earth said, "***any man that has not a doctrine has not a ministry***" and "***a church without doctrine is like a jelly fish without a backbone***". So we can see by these statements that Doctrine is the essential backbone of the church and the only real characteristic that manifests whether a person is called by God or not, and therefore the only real trait that manifests the ministry's origins, whether it be from God or from Satan. Both Martin Luther and William Branham believed the essential element of Faith in Christ is the doctrinal teaching of the Scriptures.

Christianity to Luther was a dogmatic religion, or it was nothing. Take away doctrine and you take away Christianity. Doctrine alone sets Christianity apart from all other world religions. All world religions pagan and false Christianity are based solely upon good works.

1. Muslims believe good works or actions will merit favor with his god, and assures him his place in heaven.
2. Jews believes good works and actions will merit favor with his god and assures him his place in heaven.
3. Buddhists believes good works and actions will merit him favor with his inner self and will merit him a place in some sort of after live.
4. Hindus in all their different flavors believe good works will merit him favorable karma, and will allow him to come back in a higher state of consciousness or a higher form of life.

In all of these different religions that make up most of the worlds population, "***good works***" is the preeminent theme of their religion. it is what they emphasize most.

The world's religions emphasize what man can do for God, instead of what God has done for man. Their emphasis therefore is on self rather than on God. Therefore they are religions of man, and not religions of God. And they have no need of true doctrine but only actions or works to enhance their standing with their god. Their doctrine therefore works only to set them apart one from the other.

Only True Christianity de-emphasizes works, and places the emphasis on "**The Doctrine of Christ**" as the essential element in our relationship with God.

Therefore, Any form of Christianity that de-emphasizes "**The Doctrine of Christ**" does not have God as the Apostle John warned us in the Scriptures.

2 John 2:9 *Whosoever transgresses, (that means to go beyond the limits) 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. 10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed.*

We will deal more with the Doctrine of Christ later on in this sermon. But for now, let's get back to Luther.

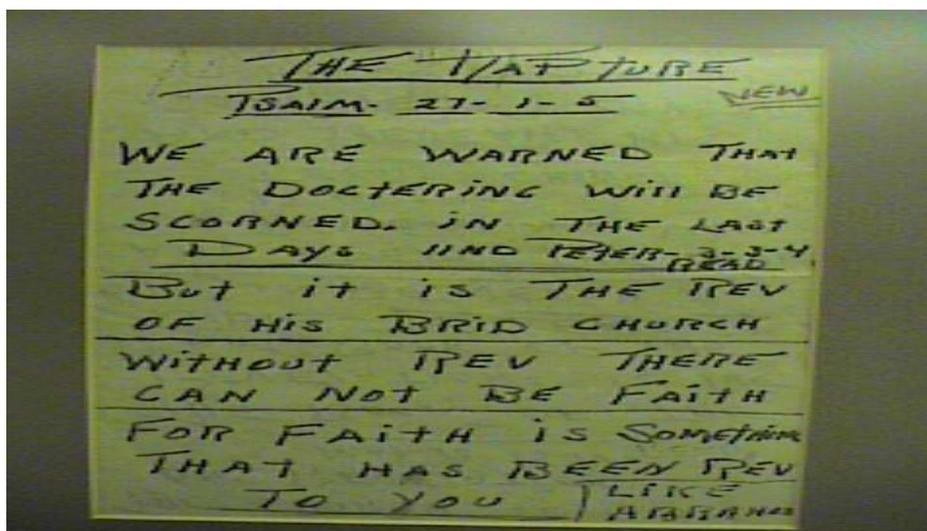
Luther's first concern as a theologian and a reformer was with doctrine. He said, "**I am not so concerned with the life, but with doctrine**". This is what Luther believed distinguished him from other reformers of earlier days. He said, "**Others who have lived before me have attacked the Popes evil and scandalous life, but I have attacked his doctrine.**"

Therefore This morning we will begin a mini series on Doctrine, especially **the doctrine of Christ**, for without it you can not have God.

William Branham was very strong on teaching the "**The Doctrine of Christ**" and as a result was ostracized by most of the ministers during his day. In this mini series, you will see that it was not miracles that set William Branham apart from all others, but the doctrine he taught.

In His sermon entitled **The Rapture 65-1204 P:17** Br. Branham said, "*Now, we are warned, ... the doctrine of this, in the last days will be scorned at.*"

Below you will see his actual hand written notes to begin his sermon "**The Rapture**".



And from his sermon, **Way of a True Prophet 62-0513M P:92** he said, *A man, so-called teacher (which I don't say but he isn't) made a remark the other day before some of my friends at a certain city I'd been into. You know the brother. And this brother come in; he said... "We had Brother Branham here once" (a certain city out west). And this man said, "Oh, Brother Branham's a good man (See? He knew better than to throw anything on the character.)," said, "Brother Branham, but **don't you listen to his tapes, because it'll get you confused.**"*

Sounds like some preachers who said the same thing to a certain sister we know. They said *"if you continue to listen to William Branham **you will be confused** and then lost."* But let's see what brother Branham had to say about that kind of talk.

*"And there happened to be one of my friends standing there said, "Just a minute, sir. I was confused until I heard the tapes." And **that's the difference.** Said, "I couldn't understand how a holy God would put up with such things as that, as you all do. "Same person, another one with him, stood at a certain place not long ago, said, "**Brother Branham is a prophet; he can discern things and things like**"; but said, "**now, don't listen to his doctrine, 'cause he's not right.**" 93 **The insanity, the uncouth expression as that; don't you know that if the Word of God is true, It comes to the prophet. The Word of the Lord came to the prophets. They were the ones who interpreted the Word. Then you see what (these men) say doesn't even make sense.***

And from his sermon **The Token 64-0308 P:31** William Branham said, *"When Jesus came on the scene, He never said very much to people, everybody wanted Him in his church. "Oh, this young Prophet, we're just so happy to have Him." He was healing the sick. "Oh, glory to God. God's raised up a great Man among us." That was fine. So one day it come to a spot to where... That was His sign. **Isaiah 35** said it would be a sign: "**The lame would leap like a hart,**" and so forth, "**the blind would see.**" **It was a sign.** He displayed His sign as Messiah, and so forth. And they, many of them, said, "**Yes, I could go for that.**" Well, now, **if that was a sign, there's got to be a voice of that sign. What was the voice behind it? When He begin to teach His doctrine ... He wasn't popular from then on** (See?)*

Even Jesus like all other prophets was rejected because of what he taught. He was never rejected for the miracles he did, but for the doctrine he taught. And yet **Jesus never taught his own doctrine**, but told us that what he taught came from His Father.

John 7:16 *Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.*

John 12: 49 *For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.*

Therefore, in this mini series, in order to help end-time believers to better understand **the Doctrine of Christ** and why it is so important and why it alone should be our focus, let's just examine what the Apostle John said about it. **2 John 1:9** *Whosoever transgresses (that means to go beyond the limits, so the doctrine has limits) **and abideth** (remains) **not in the doctrine of Christ, hath** (echoes) **not God. He that** (remains) **in the doctrine of Christ, he hath** (echoes) **both the Father and the Son.** 10 *If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed.**

In this mini series, we intend to present a thorough understanding of the importance of ***The Doctrine of Christ, and it's importance to the end-Time believer*** because without echoing this doctrine, you can not be conformed to the image of the first born son. It's impossible.

That means this one doctrine is so important, that without it, you will never be ready for adoption, nor ready to manifest as a son of God, nor be conformed to the Image of Christ, because you will never echo Christ. And you must echo Christ to put on Christ. You will see that this doctrine was taught by a vindicated prophet of God, and in this series, I have compiled many sermons on this subject of "Doctrine" and it's importance to us as believers. Therefore, let's break down what doctrine is all about.

Doctrine: In order for there to be a True Teaching of "***the Doctrine of Christ***":

1. There must be ***the One Who reveals Himself***.
2. There must be ***the One IN whom He reveals Himself***.
3. There must be ***the ones to Whom He reveals Himself***.
4. What is Doctrine?
5. What does Doctrine do for you?
6. We must know which Doctrine? For not all doctrines are from God, and not all doctrines will produce Life in the believer. Therefore, not just any Doctrine will do. It must be God's own Doctrine, His own Teaching.

The Apostle Paul said in **1 Timothy 4: 16** ***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.***

Therefore ***your salvation rests in having the right doctrine***, and as John said, for if you have not the Doctrine of Christ you do not have God. And God is the Holy Spirit, so without echoing the doctrine of Christ, how could you receive His Holy Spirit. That would be contrary to the Bible, which is God's very own words.

1 Corinthians 14: 6 ***Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, (prophesy is to preach) or by doctrine!***

2 Timothy 3:16 ***All scripture is given by inspiration of God, (the original words are all Scripture is God breathed, God inspired) and is profitable for doctrine, which will bring forth reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness:***

And then Paul let's us know that any ministry is known by their doctrine and manner of Life, and love and patience.

2 Timothy 3: 10 ***But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,***

1 Timothy 1:3 ***As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou might charge some that they teach no other doctrine,***

let me read that from **The Voice translation:** ³ ***As I said that day I left for Macedonia, stay in Ephesus and instruct the unruly people in the church, once and for all, to stop teaching a different doctrine.***

Romans 16:17 *Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences **contrary to the doctrine** which ye have learned; and **avoid them**.*

Acts 2:42 *And they continued stedfastly in **the apostles' doctrine** and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43* *And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.*

Notice that the first thing listed is the doctrine, then fellowship around that doctrine, and then the breaking of bread and prayer, and this is the correct ingredient to produce the signs and wonders which took place as a result.

John 7:17 *If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.* Therefore he lists as an attribute obedience to the will of God as being necessary to understand the Doctrine. I have seen too many rebellious people in this message to the will of God. Men who are willfully ignorant to the will of God and yet claim they are right and everyone else is wrong. And they will not subject themselves to any ministry because they have become an island unto themselves. And that tells me they are anarchists, because their life shows no submission to their elders.

Luke 4:32 *And they were astonished at his doctrine: for **his word was with power**.* Now, this scripture let's you know that if the doctrine is correct it will be backed with power, the Power of God.

Mark 1:22 *And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.*

Deuteronomy 32:2 *My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:*

we must understand what it means to become one with the doctrine or revelation we have, and we know that we truly possess it, and are one with it when we see the manifestation of it in our own lives, and we can take it back to the Word and know that this manifestation is the Interpretation of ***That particular Word, Doctrine or Revelation.***

Now just because people might be able to see the vindicated manifestations in another's life, does not necessarily mean that are witnessing it in their own life for we know that Jesus said in..

Matthew 13:10 *And the disciples came, and said unto him, **Why speakest thou unto them in parables?** 11 He answered and said unto them, Because It is given for you to know, but for the others who are without, it is not meant for them to know, therefore I speak in parables, that seeing they might not perceive, and hearing they might not understand. 12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. 13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. 14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, **By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:** 15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; **lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should***

be converted, and I should heal them. 16 But **blessed are your eyes, for they see:** and your ears, for they hear. 17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them. 18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. 19 **When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not,** then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. 20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is **he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;** 21 **Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.** 22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and **the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.** 23 But he that received seed into the good ground is **he that heareth the word, and understandeth it;** which **also beareth fruit,** and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Now, remember, Jesus said in **Matthew 7:21** warned us that "21 *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but* **he that doeth the will of my Father** *which is in heaven.* 22 *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?* 23 *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.* 24 Therefore **whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them,** *I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:* 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.* 26 And **every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not,** *shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:* 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.*

And what did Jesus answer them? "*Depart me for I never knew you.*" *I never had an intimate experiential relationship with you.*

It is apparent then, that many will be rebuked and told that "*I never Knew you*", because they did not do what Jesus told them to do, and thus there was no interplay, no leading of the Holy Spirit. These were not men who were led by the Holy Spirit, but rather led by self interest.

And when Jesus said, "*I never knew you,*" we are looking at this "*Knowing*" or **intimate understanding** that was based upon a personal relationship or intercourse with our Lord. This Word as we know it is the Word "**Ginosko**", and means to know or understand in an experiential way, and you can not have an intimate and experiential relationship without knowing the one you are having it with.

Now, the reason we are looking at this is because we must understand the difference between just seeing something and **recognizing what we see**. Many people can look at the Pillar of Fire over Brother Branham's head and say that "*that is Christ*".

They may even recognize the Cloud and say that it is the outline of the Face of Christ. But even Satan, in all of His wisdom, did not know for sure if Jesus was the Christ. For he said, *"If thou be the Son of God"*.

Now he would not have said, *"If thou be"* if he was 100% sure, and just like so many who claim to follow this message, they just are not 100% sure of what they believe. That's why brother Branham told us so often that when the Rapture comes and the Bride is taken out of here, then the tribulation will set in and many people will say, *"I thought this was to happen and that was to happen,"* and they will not have recognized that the very things they were looking for to happen have already happened and they never **KNEW** it.

So we see the importance of this **Knowing** that is spoken of in the Scripture, This **Ginosko**. Because it suggests to us more than mere recognition. Rather, it suggests a union with or a becoming one with through intimacy. Mary said, *"How can I be with child having known no man."* And that word is **Ginosko**. *Not having known any man experientially.*

Therefore by this experiential relationship with the One Who reveals, ***we become one with the interpretation of the Revelation by becoming one with the manifestation.*** Then ***entering into this manifested Word brings us into oneness with it,*** and since the interpretation is the manifestation of the name of God, then when we have moved from Faith in the Word, to the reality of the Word, by becoming part of that manifested Word, this is when we receive the name and thus become Bride and Mrs. Jesus. We thus have become a part of the interpretation of that Word, for without a Bride there would be no Groom.

In Br. Branham's sermon, **Spiritual Amnesia-64-0411** he said, ***"You can't forget it and be a Christian. You must be identified with it. You must be identified with St. John the 14th chapter, the 12th verse, "He that believeth with Me, the works that I do shall he do also." Don't forget it. If you do, then you've got spiritual amnesia. You've forgotten who you are. You've forgotten what your testimony means.***

Now, he said you must be ***identified with it*** or you have spiritual amnesia. The word ***"Identified"*** means ***to cause to be, or become identical.*** ***b: to conceive as united in spirit, or principle): to be or become the same.*** Therefore it means more than to just agree with **John 14:12**, it means **you must become John 14:12** in your own life.

And thus ***you must become one with your revelation***, and there is only One Doctrine that promises us this Oneness, and that is the doctrine of Christ. *"For he that hath not the doctrine of Christ hath not God."*

Notice then, ***our receiving the manifestation as the interpretation brings us into oneness with the Revelation,*** and just as God had to send one with the Message, ***there had to be ones*** it was sent to. And ***the ones*** that the Message was sent to, are just as much a part of the Manifestation of the Word as the One ***in Whom the Word is being Revealed through.***

59-0628E - "Questions And Answers" 172 88b. Brother Branham,... **Can any man do the works of Christ unless he was Christ? That's what it is, "Unless he was Christ?" Sure.** Let's take Saint **John**, just a minute. **Saint John the 14th** chapter and I want you to look at this, now, if you can catch it right quick, Saint **John 14:12**, I believe it is. We'll get it right quick, and look what Jesus said about this. All right, **"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He," "whoever it is", "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also."** **Any man.** The man himself can't be Christ, **but the works of Christ will follow every believer.** See? **He'll do the works of Christ in any man.** **"He that believeth in Me, the works that I do, he shall do."** Not, **"I shall do," "he shall do, he shall," not, "I."** **"But he believes in Me and has confessed his faith in Me and died out to himself and My Spirit dwells in him and he becomes a part of Me."** Now **that don't make him Christ.** It makes him part of Christ with the rest of the Church. All right. He is not Christ, because that would be anti-Christ, you see. He would be taking away from Christ. But **he can be, do the works of Christ, any believer.** All right.

Notice he says the **"he"** in **John 14:12** refers to (1) **whosoever it is**, and in (2) **any man** and in (3) **every believer** and again in (4) **any man**, and in (5) **any believer**, etc. Now this is the explanation for the question concerning **John 14:12** that a Vindicated prophet of God gave.

Notice these are real believers, those who have the same Spirit as Jesus had. And thus they have the same nature and will do the same things, and live the same life. This is not rocket science brothers and sisters, this is **"Thus saith the Lord."** And either you have thus saith the Lord and you are echoing it, or you don't have it. And we know by a vindicated prophet that the bride will have **"thus saith the Lord"** Because she believes what the Lord has already said thus.

And again from his sermon, **Mark of the beast 61-0217 P:38** William Branham said, **"Now, remember, the Bible said, "Don't spare nothing." Little or young or old or all. All that hasn't got this seal of God would be marked otherwise. And look who was marked out of it? Lifelong men who gave their lives for the clergy, priests and renowned men, great priests and scholars.** Now, how many knows that's true? Why, sure it is. Sure it's true. Just as scholar... Just as holy, just as sweet, perhaps fine people, citizens of the country... But that's no excuse. **When God sends something and you fail to walk in it, then you're out; that's all. You either do or you don't.** That's the way it was. **All that didn't get in the ark, drowned,** and that was all there was to it, no matter who they was. That's the same thing, **all that's not in Christ today will perish without Christ.** It's true. So you can't say, **"I'm a Methodist, or Baptist, or Pentecostal, or anything else; you've got to be of Christ. And if you're of Christ, you do the works of Christ. That bears record and proves that it is.** It's just as clear as the Scripture, I know how to say it.

Now let's break down again the three points I'm trying to get across this morning,

To have the correct doctrine and thus the correct revelation, there must be **One Who reveals** Himself, that's number one, and you must have that before you have anything else.

Then number two, there must be the **One in Whom** that One uses to reveal Himself. In other words, God's word only comes to a prophet, so you've got to have a prophet for that revelation to be correct. For the Word of the Lord comes to the prophets, not teachers, and not writers or ministers like Spurgeon, or Larkin.

And then number three, there must be **ones to whom** He reveals Himself.

Again, I want you to catch this because this is the revelation of how God made Himself known to us through Christ Jesus His Son. **One Who reveals, One In Whom** He is revealed through, and **Ones to Whom** He is revealed. 1. **One Who**, 2. **One In Who** and 3. **Ones To Whom**.

Number 1) First of all, there must be **One who reveals Himself**. That is what this Message is all about. It is not about William Branham, it's about Christ. It's not about you, it's about Christ. It's not about me, it's about Christ.

And that is what William Branham wanted to make sure we understood. From

94 *Watch the fruit that this Pillar of Fire that led the Children of Israel, watch the fruit It bears. See what It does, what It tells. It's not Me that speaketh; it's Him that Speaketh through you. You see? It's not me that sees the vision, it's Him that speaks through you. It's not me that heals the sick; it's Him that's in you heals the sick. It's not me that preaches; I'm a backward coward that'd run from the very thought; but it's Him that speaks through. I don't know the Word; but He knows It. That's it. That's it.*

And he also said in his sermon, **Anointed ones at end time 65-0725M P:193**, "*Now, I want you to know this is sure. And you that listen to this tape, you might have thought today that I was trying to say that about myself, being that I was packing this Message. I have no more to do with it than nothing, no more than just a voice. And my voice, even against my better judgment... I wanted to be a trapper. But it's the will of my Father that I declare to do, and determined to do. I wasn't the One that appeared down on the river; I was only standing there when He appeared. I'm not the One that performs these things and foretells these things that happens as perfect as they are; I'm only one that's near when He does it. I was only a voice that He used to say it. It wasn't what I knew; it's what I just surrendered myself to, that He spoke through. It isn't me. It wasn't the seventh angel, oh, no; it was a manifestation of the Son of man. It wasn't the angel, his Message; it was the mystery that God unfolded. It's not a man; it's God. The angel was not the Son of man; he was a messenger from the Son of man. The Son of man is Christ. He's the One that you're feeding on. You're not feeding on a man. A man, his words will fail, but you're feeding on the unfailing Body-Word of the Son of man.*

Now, this is important for us to understand, because it must be number 1) there must be One who reveals Himself, then number 2) one through whom he is revealed, and 3) there must be ones to whom he reveals Himself. Jesus understood this where he said, it's not me, It's Him, and Paul said it's not me, it's him, and brother Branham said, It's not me, It's him.

Therefore the very first point we must understand concerning doctrine is, ***who is the Doctrine about?*** And if your doctrine is about yourself, it's not eternal Life, and can not bring forth eternal Life. If your doctrine is all about the Bride of Christ, then your focus is wrong, and it can not bring forth eternal Life.

No sir, our doctrine is not about you, me, or anyone else. It's all about Him. ***In Him is Life.*** As brother Vayle always told me, "*get your eyes off the vessel and keep them on the one who is using the vessel.*" And when our doctrine points to Him that is Revealing Himself, then we are tapping into the source of Life, and that is Christ Himself.

So ***you must have point number one correct first***, and that is where so many missed it in this hour. They had doctrines like, "***Two Souls***", "***Seven Thunders***" "***White Horse rider***", "***Return Ministry***", And in many other camp's the teaching is all about "***the five fold ministry***" or "***the bride the bride the bride***", or "***mission work***" as though we are to look to the Five Fold ministry or for missionaries to impart Eternal Life, and all of these camps point to men, instead of Christ.

So we have to get point number one correct if we are to receive Life, Eternal Life.

We are told in Scripture there is only one ***Doctrine*** that promises us ***Eternal Life***, and that is ***the doctrine of Christ***. So that should be our focus.

Let's just turn again to ***2 John 8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. 9 Whosoever transgresseth,*** (to transgress means to go beyond the limits) ***and abideth not*** (and remains not because he has gone outside the limits) ***abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God.***

Now, this word hath was translated from the Greek word "***echo***" so ***he that goes beyond the limits of the doctrine of Christ does not echo God***, and thus ***does not have or possess God***, because you must receive the Word in order to echo it back. Now, this is a very clear indication that if they can not echo what God said, then they certainly do not understand what he said).

"He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath (echoes) ***both the Father and the Son. 10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine,*** (in other words, if there is any who echoes not this doctrine, the Doctrine of Christ) ***receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: 11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.***

Now, those are very powerful words that John is telling you here, and yet we have so many that do not care what the Word of God tells you how you should live your life, "***you going to fellowship with who ever you wish***", and that shows you do not know Him, nor His Word.

"Birds of a feather flock together." That may be an old proverb, but William Branham this about the people you hang around, and associate with are those you have a kindred spirit with. And that means you hang with them because you have the same nature.

Now, the number one emphasis should be that our doctrine focuses number one on God And that is why the ***Presence*** and ***Godhead*** are such vital Doctrinal teachings, because

they explain to you *Who the Doctrine of Christ* is all about. Because it was God Himself who came down with the Shout.

Now, I'm not saying that you can not get together with family. But the Bible teaches us **2 Corinthians 6:14** *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*

Now, we know in Scofield's notes, if you have a Scofield Bible, he points out that the word "*righteousness*" was taken from an Old English word, "*right-wise-ness*", which means to have a right understanding. So what Paul is saying, is What fellowship can one who has a right understanding have with someone who has a wrong understanding? You would be arguing all the time. So therefore, you have to avoid what is right in order to get together with those who think wrong.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 *16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

Ephesians 1:17 *That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:*

Acts 3: 19-21 *19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.*

Luke 17:30 *Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.*

Revelations 10:1-3 *And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: 2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, 3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.*

Breach the 63-0317E P:16 *This seven-sealed Book is revealed at the time of the Seven Thunders of Revelations 10. If you're marking it down... Let's turn to Revelations 10 just a moment, so you'll get a understanding before we get into it. Now, this is at the end time, for listen.... I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow... upon his head,...If you notice that's Christ (See?), 'cause He in the Old Testament was called the Angel of the Covenant,...*

Jesus Christ the same 58-0214 P:45 *We have His picture here on paper. Many of you has seen it. Might... We don't have time to tell you of it. That's not my picture; I'm your brother. But it's been questioned. "What was that?" To me it was the same God that led the children of Israel by a Pillar of Fire. We all know that that was the Logos, that the Angel of the Covenant, which was Christ, that led the children of Israel. Christ declared*

*it to be so. He said He was the I AM, that He was in the burning bush, and He was the Rock that was in the wilderness. **That Pillar of Fire was made flesh and dwelled among us.** And when He was here, He said, "**I come from God, and I go back to God.**" And after His death, burial, and resurrection, when He appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus, He had again, **the same Logos in a Pillar of Fire**, manifested Himself, and remember Paul said, "**Who is it, Lord?**" The light was so bright that it would have put Paul's eyes out, yet those standing by couldn't see it. It was a reality to those who God would reveal it to, but the others who stood by, didn't know nothing about it...*

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