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"DOCTRINE: THE BELIEVER'S WEAPON"

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ROMANS 6:17-22 (NASB)

INSIGHT: All the truth of scripture can fit into about ten categories:

- Bibliology: the study of the Bible
- Theology proper: the study of God
- Anthropology: The study of man
- Hamartiology: the study of sin
- Ecclesiology: the study of the church
- Angelology: the study of angels
- Eschatology: the study of last things

INSIGHT: The study of salvation in biblical theology is called soteriology.

INSIGHT: Scripture is called the word of truth.

I. WHAT BIBLICAL SALVATION MEANS

TRUTH: The fundamental biblical definition of salvation is deliverance (Psalm 68:20, 40:17; Romans 11:26).

INSIGHT: The affirmation of my salvation, biblically, is the evidence of deliverance from darkness to light, from sin to righteousness.

II. THE TOOL OF DELIVERANCE

QUESTION: But what delivered us if we are delivered? Romans 6:17... the answer: that form of teaching.

QUESTION: How important is doctrine?

ANSWER: You know you were saved from sin, ungodliness, unrighteousness and eternal death by doctrine; you know you have passed from death to life by doctrine; you please God by living by doctrine, the teaching of Holy Scripture.

TRUTH ON THE HILL: Doctrine shall not be a dull word to us but the source through which the power of God glows into our lives (Colossians 1:12).

INSIGHT: The Christian life is the pursuit of truth as revealed in Holy Scripture (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).

III. CHRISTIANS BATTLE WITH THE FORTRESSES OF IDEAS IN MEN'S MINDS.

TRUTH: Our strategy for world evangelism is to refuse to hate people of other faiths or no faith, but rather to gain a conversation and expose their minds to truth.

TRUTH: The Christian life is about doctrine.

INSIGHT: We are never effective witnesses until we know how to refute error with sound doctrine (1 Timothy 2:4).

INSIGHT: If you and I are anything, we are people of the truth, passing that truth to people far from God.