

The Rock We Stand On: Doctrines of the Faith

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Learning and sharing the doctrines of our faith, endowed to us through Holy Scripture, solidifies the foundation upon which we build our lives, ensuring our calling and election in Christ.



Ephesians 4:11–14 *ESV*

¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

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1. Our Doctrine has Divine Origins

- Why we trust in the Bible's authority.

2 Peter 1:20–21 ESV

²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

John 17:17 ESV

¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

- The enduring truth that the Bible comes from the very breath of God.

John 1:1–5 ESV

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 ESV

¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2. Our Doctrine is the Pathway to Assurance

- The role of the doctrines in affirming our faith and spiritual identity

1 John 5:13 ESV

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

2 Peter 1:10 ESV

¹⁰ Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

- How learning bolsters our spiritual trajectory, leading us toward certainty in our walk with Christ

Hebrews 11:1 ESV

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

James 1:5–6 ESV

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⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

3. Our Doctrine Encourages the Great Commission

- Our mandate is to disseminate the truth contained within the doctrines.

Matthew 28:19–20 ESV

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Mark 16:15 ESV

¹⁵ And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.

- Encouraging personal and collective evangelism as modeled by the apostles.

Acts 1:8 ESV

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

2 Timothy 4:2 ESV

² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

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