THE IMPORTANCE OF DOCTRINAL ACCURACY

Lesson one

INTRODUCTION:

1. Why discuss this subject?
   (1) Because of the stress placed on it by the New Testament writers.
   1. Tit. 2:1
   2. 2 Tim. 4: 2- 4
   3. I Tim. 4:16
   4. 2 John 9 - 11
   5. I Pet. 4:11
   7. Tit. 1:9
   (2) Because people today attach LITTLE importance to it.

2. The words defined:
   (1) DOCTRINE -- the teaching of the scriptures; "The doctrine of Christ"-- 2 John 9
   (2) ACCURACY -- "Detailed correctness"; exactness; the quality or state of being free from mistakes or errors.

3. We want to discuss the importance of teaching that which is free from error.

I. THERE IS SOUND DOCTRINE -- Tit. 2:1; Tit. 1: 9; II Tim. 4:3

1. The SOURCE of sound doctrine:
   (1) It comes from God the Father to the Son
   2. John 17: 8, 14
   3. John 12: 49
   4. John 7: 16 - 17
   5. Matt. 28:18
   (2) The SON gave IT to the apostles and prophets by the Holy Spirit
   1. John 16:13
   2. Eph. 3:5
   3. Gal. 1: 11 -12
   4. I Cor. 2: 9 - 13; 14:37
   (3) The Doctrine has been written for us by inspiration -- II Tim. 3: 16 - 17
2. HOW the Doctrine is DESCRIBED in the New Testament:

(1) Truth -- John 8:32; 16:13
(2) The Gospel of God -- I Thess. 2: 2, 9
(3) The Gospel of Christ -- Rom. 1:16
(4) His Grace -- Gal. 1: 15
(5) Apostles’ Doctrine -- Acts 2:42
(7) The Word of His grace -- Acts 20:32
(8) The Faith -- Acts 6:7; Jude 3
(9) The form of sound words -- II Tim. 1:13
(10) The Law of Christ -- Gal. 6:2
(11) The Perfect Law of Liberty -- James 1:25

II. THE NEW TESTAMENT WARNS ABOUT DOCTRINES THAT ARE DIFFERENT FROM SOUND DOCTRINE

1. Commandments of men -- Matt. 15:9; Tit. 1:14
2. "Destructive Heresies" -- II Pet. 2:1
4. "Another Gospel" -- Gal. 1: 8
5. Doctrines of demons -- I Tim. 4:1
6. The tradition of men -- Mk. 7:7; Col. 2:8
7. The doctrine of Balaam -- Rev. 2:14
8. The doctrine of the Nicolaitans -- Rev. 2:6
9. Vain babblings -- 2 Tim. 2:16
10. Various and strange doctrines -- Heb. 13:9

III. THERE IS A TENDENCY TO DISCOUNT THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING SOUND IN DOCTRINE

1. It was predicted that false doctrine and false teachers would come.
   (1) Jesus -- Matt. 7:15
   (2) Peter -- II Pet. 2:1
   (3) Paul -- 2 Tim. 4: 1 - 4; Acts 20: 29
   (4) Jude -- Jude 17 - 19
2. It is obvious today the there are many FALSE DOCTRINES in the world.
   (1) Denominational doctrines
      1. Many churches
      2. Baptism not essential
      3. Faith only
4. Does not matter how one worships

(2) False doctrines among brethren
1. Institutionalism
2. Continual cleansing
3. Calvinism
4. Divorce and remarriage
5. Solo and Choir singing
6. Church furnished entertainment
7. Okay to do social drinking
8. Crossroads doctrine
9. Individualism by Charles Holt

VI. THE RESULTS OF TEACHING FALSE DOCTRINE
1. It destroys the souls of those that are taught -- II Pet. 3: 16 - 17
2. It destroys the Teacher -- Gal. 1: 6 -9; Rev. 22: 18 - 19
3. It causes divisions -- Rom. 16:17
4. False doctrine will spread and increase and destroy all the truth in the heart -- 2 Tim. 2: 16 - 18
5. False doctrine separates one from God -- 2 John 9
6. Makes worship vain -- Matt. 15:9

CONCLUSION:
1. Can you not see the importance of doctrinal accuracy from this lesson?
2. Let us strive for doctrinal accuracy.