PRESENTING DOCTRINE

“You must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if you are asked about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. But you must do this in a gentle and respectful way.” (1 Peter 3:15-16, NLT)

“Make the teaching about God our Savior attractive in every way.” (Titus 2:10, NLT)

I. The Importance of Doctrine

A. Doctrine is like _________________________ (Matthew 16:6) … it is _________________________

B. Doctrine is like _________________________ (Ephesians 4:14) … it is _________________________

C. Doctrine is like _________________________ (Deuteronomy 32:2) … it is _________________________

II. Presenting the New Birth

A. The Nature of Man: ___________________________________________________

1 Thessalonians 5:23

B. The Role of the Old Testament: ________________________________

1 Corinthians 10:11

C. The Gospel of Jesus Christ: _______________________________________

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

D. Obedience in the Book of Acts: _______________________________________________________________________

Acts 2:38

E. The Foundation of Faith: ________________________________

James 2:26
III. Presenting our Lifestyle Convictions

A. Holiness is a biblical synonym for ________________, ________________, and ________________.

1 Peter 1:15-16 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

B. Salvation is the most ________________ word in the Bible.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

Paul is teaching us three important concepts here:

1. That sanctification is a process of ________________ that takes place over time.

2. That we are sanctified through ________________, not our own.

3. That sanctification involves all ________________ of man’s being.

C. Most issues of holiness are not ________________ issues; they are ________________ issues.

James 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

D. We are not saved ________________ good works, but we are saved ________________ good works.

Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.
E. God has given us three holiness teachers because there are three kinds of holiness standards.

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F. God expects an ______________________ witness of our ______________________ holiness.

*Matthew 5:16*  Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

G. Holiness has more to do with ______________________ than with ______________________;

that is why the Bible emphasizes different principles for ________________ and ________________.

So, men are commanded to ____________ holy while women are commanded to ____________ holy.

*1 Timothy 2:8-10*  I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety: not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

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H. Holiness is not about being _______________________ but about being ______________________.

*Romans 12:1-2*  I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

I. Sharing Holiness Principles:  instruct ______________________, implement ______________________,

expect ______________________, enforce ______________________, live ______________________.