

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 **LEAVEN** (Matthew 16:6) ... it is **PERVASIVE**
- B. Doctrine is like **WIND** (Ephesians 4:14) ... it is **POWERFUL**
- C. Doctrine is like **RAIN** (Deuteronomy 32:2) ... it is **PRODUCTIVE**

II. Presenting the New Birth

- A. The Nature of Man: **BODY, SOUL, SPIRIT**

1 Thessalonians 5:23 *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.*

- B. The Role of the Old Testament: **EXAMPLE, SCHOOLMASTER (“FAILURE”)**

1 Corinthians 10:11 *Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.*

- C. The Gospel of Jesus Christ: **DEATH, BURIAL, RESURRECTION**

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 *Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:*

- D. Obedience in the Book of Acts: **REPENTANCE, BAPTISM, HOLY GHOST**

Acts 2:38 *Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost*

- E. The Foundation of Faith: **BELIEF RESULTS IN BEHAVIOR (“ACTION”)**

James 2:26 *For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*

III. Presenting our Lifestyle Convictions

- A. Holiness is a biblical synonym for **WITHDRAWAL**, **SEPARATION**, and **SANCTIFICATION**.

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 **ELASTIC** word in the Bible.

Time	Past	Present	Future
Experience	"I was saved"	"I am being saved"	"I will be saved"
Theological Term	Justified	Sanctified	Glorified
I am saved from sin's	Penalty	Power	Presence
My holiness before God is	Positional	Experiential	Eternal
Sanctification occurs in my	Spirit	Soul (Mind)	Body

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 **MATURING** that takes place over time.
2. That we are sanctified through **GOD'S POWER**, not our own.
3. That sanctification involves all **THREE PARTS** of man's being.

- C. Most issues of holiness are not **SALVATION** issues; they are **MATURITY** 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 **BY** good works, but we are saved **UNTO** 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.

3 Holiness Teachers	3 Kinds of Standards	Implementation
The Bible	Bible Standards	<u>COMMANDS / IMMEDIATELY</u>
Spiritual Leadership	Church Standards	<u>PRINCIPLES / GRADUALLY</u>
The Holy Spirit	Personal Standards	<u>PROMPTINGS / PERSONALLY</u>

F. God expects an EXTERNAL witness of our INTERNAL 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 CREATION than with CULTURE;

that is why the Bible emphasizes different principles for MEN and WOMEN.

So, men are commanded to ACT holy while women are commanded to APPEAR 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.*

Holiness Principles for Men	Holiness Principles for Women
Appetite – <u>NATURAL, CONTROL</u>	Adornment – <u>INWARD, FUNCTIONAL</u>
Anger – <u>SECONDARY, CHOICE</u>	Apparel – <u>HAGORA, KUTTONET</u>
Apathy – <u>LOGICAL, CYNICAL</u>	Attitude – <u>SUBMISSION, HAIR</u>

H. Holiness is not about being CONFORMED but about being TRANSFORMED.

***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 BIBLICALLY, implement GRADUALLY,

expect CONSISTENTLY, enforce LOVINGLY, live TRANSPARENTLY.