

# **ENDURING SOUND DOCTRINE**

Prevents:

Deception  
Discouragement  
Departure  
Destruction

# Christmas Miracle

Matthew 1:16 Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, **by whom** Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

Matthew 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:23 When He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being, as was supposed, the **son of Joseph, the son of Eli,**

In Capital Ministries Statement of Faith – “We teach that justification before God is an act of God by which He declares righteous those who, through faith in Christ, repent of their sins and confess Him as sovereign Lord.”

**Acts 20:28-30** Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

**1 Timothy 1:3-4** As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus so that you may instruct certain men not to teach strange doctrines, 4 nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering the administration of God which is by faith.

**1 Timothy 4:1-2** But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,

**1 Timothy 6:3-5** If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, 4 he is conceited and understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, 5 and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.

**2 Timothy 2:14-18** Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers. 15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. 16 But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, 17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.



**2 Timothy 4:1-4** solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

**2 Tim 4:3** - For there will be a time when people will not tolerate sound teaching. Instead, following their own desires, they will accumulate teachers for themselves, because they have an insatiable curiosity to hear new things.

**Titus 1:9-14** holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict. 10 For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, 11 who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of sordid gain. 12 One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." 13 This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith, 14 not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who turn away from the truth.

**2 Peter 2:1-3** But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. 2 Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; 3 and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

**2 Peter 3:14** - 1 John 1:1 Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, 15 and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, 16 as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. 17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

I. There are only 2 main world views

A. **Continuity of Being** – the universe has always existed

1. Atheism, Agnosticism, Evolution – rocks / mentality
2. Pantheism – God and matter are all one – impersonal force  
Paul says that those who block God out of their mind  
are lead to **worship creation**
3. Polytheism – belief in many gods – Greeks & Romans

Eastern philosophies **do not make a distinction between  
Creator and creation**

Polytheism is actually **worship of idols and demons**

**Romans 1:20-25** For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. 24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

## **B. Creator/Creation Distinction**

1. Must first believe there are 2 main categories in universe - Creator and Creation

2. Paul in Acts 17 focused his message on the unknown God that they did not know about

**Acts 17:23-27** "For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' Therefore what you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you. 24 "The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; 25 nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; 26 and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, 27 that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;



**Acts 17:28-31** 28 for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.' 29 "Being then the children of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and thought of man. 30 "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, 31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

This GOD is THE sovereign, all-powerful, all-knowing  
personal Creator

## II. Deity of Christ – Proof of who He is and What He did for us

**Matthew 1:18** Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

### 1. No sin nature

- Born of Virgin Mary who was found to be with child by the H.S.
- Therefore Jesus was born as 100% deity and 100% humanity  
**(Hypostatic Union)**
- He had no earthly father that passes the sin nature to the child
- Therefore Jesus was born with no sin nature
- All other humans born since Adam and Eve were born with a sin nature (passed to them by human father)

## 2. Sinless life

**Hebrews 4:15** For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

- a. Lived entire life without one personal sin (Heb 4:15)
- b. Not able to sin (**in His deity**)
- c. Able not to sin (**in His humanity**)
- d. Qualified to by our High Priest

### 3. Perfect Mediator

**1 Timothy 2:5** For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

- a. **Hypostatic Union** of God / Man
- b. Being both deity and humanity **qualifies Him** to represent both God and man

## 4. Perfect Sacrifice

Hebrews 2:14-17 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might **render powerless** him who had the power of death, that is, **the devil**, 15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives. 16 For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham. 17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make **propitiation** for the sins of the people.

## 4. Perfect Sacrifice

- a. No man with a sin nature and not being deity could **qualify** to be perfect sacrifice
- b. Only a human **without a sin nature** and **without personal sin** and being **deity** could make **propitiation** for our sins
- c. **Propitiation** (a satisfactory payment for the penalty of our sin and violation of God's law)

## 5. Resurrected from the dead

**John 20:27-28** Then He said to Thomas, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do not be unbelieving, but believing." 28  
Thomas answered and said to Him, "**My Lord and my God!**"

**Romans 1:4** who was **declared the Son of God** with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,

## 6. Ascension to Right Hand of God

**Hebrews 4:14-16** Therefore, since we have a **great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. 16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Hebrews 7:25** Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He **always lives** to make intercession for them.



## 6. Ascension to Right Hand of God

**Hebrews 9:24** For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;

**1 John 2:1-2** My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

- a. **Perfect High Priest and Advocate** before the Father
- b. **No created human being qualifies**

## 7. Second Advent of Christ

**2 Thessalonians 1:7-9** and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be **revealed from heaven** with His mighty angels in flaming fire, 8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

**Hebrews 9:27-28** And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, 28 so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a **second time** for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

## 7. Second Advent of Christ

- a. Jesus will appear a **second time to judge** humanity and for ultimate salvation
- b. Jesus will **return to rule** as Lord of Lords and King of Kings
- c. **Only deity qualifies** to be **Judge** of humanity and **Ruler** of His kingdom

## Conclusion: **Jesus is the Son of God – Deity**

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word **was God**.

John 1:14 And the **Word became flesh**,  
and dwelt among us, and we  
saw His glory, glory as of the  
only begotten from the Father,  
full of grace and truth.

### **III. Salvation by Grace**

A. **Armenianism** and **Calvinism** are two extreme imbalances that emphasize works as part of salvation

#### **1. Armenianism**

a. Salvation by faith plus works

b. Must remain faithful producing good works to keep salvation or it will be lost

- 2. Calvinism** – teaches salvation is obtained by only those who God predestines to salvation
- a. Regeneration by God occurs first then faith is given by God to believer which then justifies
  - b. This teaching denies the volition and freedom of choice
  - c. Also teaches works or fruit must be manifested to be evidence that the person is truly predestined to be saved

**John 1:12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,

**Romans 8:29** For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

3. **Biblical salvation** is stated very clearly as by **grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.**

**Ephesians 2:8-9** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

**1 Peter 1:3-5** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time

**1 John 5:1** Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ **is** born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him.

## 4. Justification

**Romans 3:21-28** But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the **righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe**; for there is no distinction; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; 26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. 27 Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. 28 **For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.**



## 4. Justification

**Romans 4:1-8** What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? "ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS." 4 Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. 5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, **his faith is credited as righteousness**, 6 just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: 7 "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED. 8 "BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT."

## 4. Justification

- A. Justification can be described as 2 sides of one coin – both received by faith alone in Christ alone
  - 1. Removal of penalty and guilt of sin - acquittal or forgiveness of sin and removal of condemnation
  - 2. Imputation or crediting of righteousness

Other Important doctrines that will keep the believer secure and stable and keep from deceptions and false doctrines

A. Understanding Eternal Security and Having **Assurance and Hope of Salvation**

1. Believers have Eternal Security but may have doubts about it because they are **wavering**

**Hebrews 10:19-23** Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

**Hebrews 10:24-29** 24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. 26 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES. 28 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

## A. Understanding **Eternal Security** and **Having Assurance** and **Hope of Salvation**

Believers have Eternal Security but may have doubts about it because they are **wavering** by:

1. Mixing works, morality or emotional experience with faith
2. Being out of fellowship in carnality
3. Not walking by the Spirit
4. Neglecting consistent intake of Bible Doctrine
5. Not entering His rest by faith by exercising (faith – rest)
6. Forsaking the assembling together
7. Returning to legalism
8. Living with fear of failure instead of gratitude for salvation
9. Not growing in grace and knowledge

## B. Understanding “being filled with the Spirit”

### 1. Need power of Holy Spirit to be able to understand the scriptures and Bible Doctrine

Ephesians 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

1 Corinthians 2:12 - 16 Now we have **received**, not the spirit of the world, but the **Spirit** who is from God, so that **we may know** the things freely given to us by God, 13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words. 14 But a **natural man** does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he **cannot understand them**, because they are spiritually appraised. 15 But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. 16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.

## 2. Need power of the Holy Spirit **to overcome the flesh**

Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Romans 8:12-13 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh--  
13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.



3. Need power of Holy Spirit to understand the difference between human and divine good and to produce **divine good**

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of **repentance from dead works** and of faith toward God,

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for **good works**, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

**C. Consistent intake of Bible Doctrine – **HOT** for doctrine**

- 1. Humble, objective and teachable** - submission to authority
- 2. Be transformed by the renewing of our mind**

Romans 12:1-2 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

2 Timothy 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

## D. Understanding the difference between **Initial** and **Experiential Sanctification**

### 1. Verses sound salvific are really warnings against reversionism

Hebrews 6:4-6 For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.

Hebrews 10:26-27 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.

### 2. **Emotional experience** and **morality** are false substitutes for Experiential Sanctification

## E. Understanding verses in the context of the correct **dispensation**

1. Rightly dividing the word of truth – 2 Tim 2:15

2. Gospels occur during the Mosaic Age

3. Book of Acts is transitional book which has progressive revelation given to the apostles (Peter's message was initially to the Jews in Jerusalem who had just been responsible for rejection of Jesus as Messiah and the crucifixion)

4. Paul's ministry was to the Jews first and then mainly to the Gentiles - his books are progressive revelation about the mystery doctrines of the church age doctrine (Jews and Gentiles in one body)

5. The miraculous confirming gifts were given to **confirm the word** until it was completed and Paul prophesied that these gifts would be ceasing (when their purpose was fulfilled)

1 Corinthians 13:8-11 Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part; 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away. 11 When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.