MATTHEW 10:

16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;

ISAIAH 1:

18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

LUKE 8

25 And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.

*When Christ came ever promise is anchored on your faith. Correct faith will assure your salvation and give you access to every promise in the scriptures. It is an individual relationship between you and God*.

II CORINTHIANS 13:

4 For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you.

5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

ISAIAH 29:

11 And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed:

12 And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.

13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

*Peter said something that I thought was very interesting and we need to understand the meaning.*

II PETER 2

1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

MATTHEW 15:

9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

EPHESIANS 4:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

I TIMOTHY 4:

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

*My question will a person be saved if they follow a damnable heresy or a doctrine of the Devil or other precepts or doctrine that is incorrect that came from the precepts and commandments of man?*

*If not, how do we identify them?*

1. *Scripture*

GALATIANS 1:

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

II TIMOTHY 3:

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

1. *Fruit*

LUKE 6:

44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

1. *The Spirit of the Lord, the Holy Ghost.*

EPHESIANS 1:17

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

I JOHN 2:

27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

I JOHN 2:

19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

*Christ said He was the way, truth and life.*

JOHN 14:

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

*He is the narrow gate Jesus gives instructions for finding and entering the narrow way.*

MATTHEW 7:

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

That is not seeking by books written by others but asking, seeking, and knocking on the door of the author Himself.

‘ACTS 17:

26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

MATTHEW 7:

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

*Anything taught as a part of religion or necessity that is not scripture would be a damnable doctrine certainly a doctrine of a man or men.*

*We know by scripture that there were many even in the time that the scriptures were written that apposed the true gospel.*

GALATIANS 3:

1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

GALATIANS 3:

6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

*Faith is spoken as if it is a doctrine, it is not: it is a revelation about Christ as savior and peace with God. It is also a testimony that you believe the Word of God proven through the fruit you bear.*

*Faith has been changed from an experience with Christ to a doctrine that you can read and obey it has been there from the beginning but fully became manifested in the councils of men.*

*There are seven main councils that are excepted by the many churches and the Roman Catholic church has 21. The orthodox churches are mostly protestant only accept the first four and those in part.*

*These councils were called for several reasons but mainly for correction of doctrine.*

*Correction of doctrine should only be by ordained ministers using scripture as Paul told Timothy.*

II TIMOTHY 3:

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

The first council of Nicene.

*The doctrine of Arian was the main doctrine that taught that Christ had a beginning among other things the opposing doctrine taught that God was a trinity most orthodox churches as they are called have fully excepted the doctrine of the trinity and believe anyone who doesn’t is a heretic.*

*At heart, the controversy in front of the church was how to fit Christ into the religion as a divine figure without disrupting the notion of monotheism. In the 4th century, there were several possible ideas that would account for that.*

* *The Sabellians (after the Libyan Sabellius) taught that there was a single entity, the* prosōpon, *made up of God the Father and Christ the Son.*
* *The Trinitarian Church fathers, Bishop Alexander of Alexandria and his deacon, Athanasius, believed there were three persons in one god (Father, Son, Holy Spirit).*
* *The Monarchianists believed in only one indivisible being. These included Arius, who was presbyter in Alexandria under the Trinitarian bishop, and Eusebius, Bishop of Nicomedia (the man who coined the term "oecumenical* council" and who had estimated participation at a substantially lower and more realistic attendance of 250 bishops).

If you read the councils all doctrine was decided by groups of people and most decisions about the Godhead was opinions of men without scripture. To go through every expect of the different doctrines would take months so I am only going to speak about doctrine of the God. One great debate was two words found nowhere in the scripture but became doctrine and still is today.

Homoousion:  a person who held that God the Father and God the Son are of the same substance.

homoiousian : a person who held that God the Father and God the Son are of like but not identical substance.

*Jesus has a physical, material body of flesh and then a resurrected body*

PHILIPPIANS 3

 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

*God does not have a physical body but is Spirit.*

JOHN 4

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Christ is the image of body that God uses.

COLOSSIANS 1:

14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

*The first question is the Son equal with the Father?*

*My opinion does not matter what does the scripture teach?*

JOHN 10:

29 My Father, which gave them me, is **greater** than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

 3187 meizon {mide'-zone} greater, larger, elder, stronger

MATTHEW 12:

6 But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple.

MARK 12:

31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

JOHN 5:

19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

JOHN 8:

28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

I CORINTHIANS 15:

28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be **subject** unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

 **Subject**  5293 hupotasso {hoop-ot-as'-so} to arrange under, to subordinate; to subject, put in subjection; to subject one's self, obey; to submit to one's control; to yield to one's admonition or advice; to obey, be subject. A Greek military term meaning "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader".

*I agree that Christ has the same authority as God the Father but only after it was given to him from the Father.*

MATTHEW 28:

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All **power** is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

1849 exousia {ex-oo-see'-ah} power of choice, liberty of doing as one pleases; leave or permission

JOHN 3:

35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

JOHN 5:

26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;

 27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.

*That is scripture what did the Nicaea creed establish as doctrine*?

The writings of Arius were read out, it became clear that much of his theology was blasphemous and was downplaying the significance of Jesus. So a creed was written for use at baptisms and for instruction of Christians and the word ‘homoousion’ was included to describe Jesus as being one in being with the Father. All but two members of the Council of Nicaea signed the creed. Constantine is said to have announced the penalty of banishment for those who abstained. <https://journeyonline.com.au/features/homoousios-a-100-year-debate>

*In my opinion that was when the harlot mounted the beast for the ride to destruction.*

REVELATION 17:

3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

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“**YE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM”** – **Colossians 2:10** The believer’s standing in Christ does not fluctuate with his feelings, not even the increase or decrease of his faith or understanding or anything else. He stands complete in Christ. God would never trust any of His children to stand before Him at any time in their own selves – that is, in their merits or certain good frames of mind. He knows our frame. He remembers that we are yet dust. Therefore, He has on purpose provided for them this perfect standing in Christ Jesus. “Ye are complete in Him,” the Holy Ghost said, in another place, “Ye are perfect in Christ Jesus” (Col. 1:28). The very nature of our God requires us to be perfect and complete before Him at all times. He, out of necessity, therefore provided all this for His children: a perfection, a completeness, which can never be diminished. It is as unchanging as God Himself (Heb. 6:17; 13:8).

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*which I HAVE COMMITTED TO HIM.*"

True faith is based upon a KNOWLEDGE of Christ, “*I know whom I have believed*.” A CONFIDENCE in Christ “*I am persuaded He is able to keep.”* It also involves a COMMITTAL to Christ “*that which I have committed unto Him against that day*.”

Those who savingly come to the Lord Jesus do so willingly, lovingly, confidently, and COMPLETELY. It is unworthy of His great name and person to talk of a partial surrender, a token alle­giance, or a part-time profession and discipleship. I believe Paul is saying, "I have committed MY SOUL to Him to save, MY SINS to Him to forgive, MY LIFE to Him to order and arrange, MY POSSESSIONS to Him to share, MY BODY to Him to raise and make like His glorious body."

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