2Thess #122;

Bible Doctrine is the Christian’s true soul food.

We will open back up in our current study of 2Thessalonians chapter two RF.

/2Thes 2:13 But we should always give thanks to God for you, brothers *and sisters* beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through **sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth**.\

[2Th 2:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/14/s_1118014) It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

YOU MAY obtain…means we always have the issue of free will in this angelic conflict.

You are a willing participant.

[2Th 2:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/15/s_1118015) So then, brothers *and sisters,* stand firm and hold on to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word *of mouth* or by letter from us.

[2Th 2:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/16/s_1118016) Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace,

[2Th 2:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2th/2/17/s_1118017) comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.

The chapter ends with the WORD - and verse 13 emphasizes what the word is, TRUTH – Bible Doctrine.

The Greek word – *alētheia, (AH-LAY-THAY-AH)* it is reference to BD when we are noting accurate biblical teaching. It has a singular, as well as heavy meaning to it. It is not mistaken for something else, it does not vary or change - it is solid and definitive, it is eternal.

/Bible Doctrine is the mind of Christ, therefore it is complete and unadulterated truth. It can never be compromised or changed.

1Cor 2:16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.\

Notice in verse 13 the Apostle Paul emphasizes truth – the WORD, BD - and that is what you have faith in because Jesus Christ is the WORD of God.

/God’s work of sanctification uses two dynamic forces, the ministry of the Holy Spirit and the belief in the truth (mind of Christ). The Spirit of God and the Word of God therefore are *essential* to our **sanctification**.\

Then after salvation the formula does not change – those dynamics still matter.

Every Believer is a member of the royal family and therefore he or she must have the right perspective with regards to doctrine.

/There are false concepts whereby people think they can read the Bible to grow rapidly by themselves, using meditation or memorize enough scripture to lead to maturity. There is growth within some of those tactics, yet it is lacking. Because there is a call for shepherds and teachers and church leaders. (Eph 4:11-12, 2Tim 4:1-8, 1Tim 5:16-20, Gal 6:6, 1Cor 9:14, Titus 1:5-16)\

I actually have several others and then also several scriptures from the OT as well… I think most of you are picking up what I am putting down.

God ordains men in every dispensation to have the gift of teachers and leaders, starting right in the Graden with Adam.

Though Adam failed in the garden, part of his calling was to be a spiritual leader and teacher for his family.

You cannot grow up spiritually all by yourself, while at the same time working a full-time job and dealing with distractions in the cosmic system.

This requires the function of a pastor-teacher who is commissioned for the sole objective of studying and teaching, studying and teaching. Not being a political leader in the spotlight. Nor is he to be a wall flower, who visits widows and hospitals while giving milk-toast lessons once a week.

REPEAT

/Bible doctrine is the content of the canon of scripture derived from exegesis and accurate interpretation of scriptural principles and categories. Bible doctrine is called the mind of Christ (1 Cor2:16). Bible doctrine is the exact Word of GOD and it is designed to be our guide, communication and nutrition for growth. When properly taught by an ordained man of GOD, it touches a depth of historical, categorical theology and language interpretation that elevates a positive Bel in this temporal walk.\

It may at times sting the disobedient student, as well as encourage another student – all at the same time.

It has elements of discipline as well as sheer joy and strength, that can be gleaned from a positive attitude toward the teaching of it.

It is designed to change the flawed person and drive them closer to Christ, therefore it has to be held up as the ultimate authority.

Christ must increase, I must decrease – only happens in our journey inside the WORD - filled by God the HS.

You do not get closer to knowing God and closer to Jesus Christ, outside of a relationship with the WORD.

/Six words are used for doctrine in the scripture.

 Deu 32:2 “May **my teaching**(*leqaḥ)* drip as the rain, My speech trickle as the dew, As droplets on the fresh grass, And as the showers on the vegetation.

(Prov 4:2, Job 11:4, Isa 29:24)

It means doctrine, learning, knowledge, that which one receives into their mind or what they learn. \

LAH-COCH, it is a word for BD, knowledge, that which you absorb, that which brings growth into your life.

I gave you a few other scriptures to see how it is used as well. That word is used at least 9x in the OT, original context.

/A second Hebrew noun is seen in scriptures like this;

Prov 4:13 **Take hold of instruction** (*mûsār)*; do not let go. Guard her, for she is your life.

(Deu 11:2, Job 5:17, Psa 50:17)

It means instruction or doctrine. It means you have doctrine that you have taken in, you have it within the soul. It is also a noun sometimes used for discipline\

(MOOSE-AR), It is used about 50x in the OT original language.

Notice the reference to SHE- because it is inside your soul and can be now used for wisdom, a gentle and nurturing divine wisdom.

/This Hebrew word means what is heard or doctrine taught —

Isa 28:9 “**To whom would He teach knowledge**, And to whom would He **interpret the message** (*šᵊmûʿâ*)? Those just weaned from milk? Those just taken from the breast?

Teaching or presenting Bible Doctrine.\

SHEM-OH-MA, doctrine taught.

The word for knowledge there, is also occasionally used for BD – DAY-AH.

/One Greek noun for Bible Doctrine is seen in many NT scriptures;

Eph 4:14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there on waves and carried about by every wind of **doctrine** (*didaskalia)*, by the trickery of people, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

(Mat 15:9, Col 2:22, 1Tim 1:10)

Points to the teaching or doctrine and what is taught and learned from the scriptures.\

DEE-DOS-CO-LEAH, this is used over 20x in the NT Greek.

Most of the time when you see the word doctrine in NT – this is the one used.

You folks can jump over to Ephesians chapter 4 - we will end up there in closing today.

/Here is the Greek noun forthe act of teaching or BD taught from the scriptures;

Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves **to the apostles’ teaching** (*didachē*) and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

(Mat 7:28, Mark 1:22, Rom 6:17)

The teaching or instruction from a pastor-teacher to his congregation. Teaching Bible Doctrine.\

DEE-DOC-AY, this used 30x in NT scriptures.

/The Greek noun *logos* (word) which has numerous meanings, it is often used for Bible Doctrine and Jesus Christ, as ONE in the same.

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

This is used 330x in NT Greek.\

You guys should be in Ephesians chapter four, where the Apostle Paul is stressing the importance of not only Bible Doctrine, but the accuracy of what you are studying.

There is a reason - pastors like myself, emphasize the importance of the word, the importance of the two power options.

And with that - it is imperative you get under the right teaching.

IF you are not learning and growing under a pastor-teacher. Especially after submitting yourself habitually for several months, you may need to re-evaluate who you submit yourself too, concerning Bible study.

REPEAT

[Eph 4:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/4/10/s_1101010) He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.)

This section of Ephesians, explains the victory march of our LORD during His 3 days in the tomb.

/[Eph 4:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/4/11/s_1101011) And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* **pastors** (*poimēn*)and **teachers** (*didaskalos*),\

POY-MAIN DEE-DOS-CO-LOSS

POY-MAIN- a shepherd or an overseer.

DEE-DOS-CO-LOSS- It is a human title for a master teacher or one who is ordained to lead others.

Using the two terms together is a specific way to define the man who is ordained by God, to teach His word with a diligent accuracy, and to be a leader of a flock of Bels.

REPEAT

Unique to the CA dispensation.

A flock may be 5 or 10 it may 10,000 so it is not specific to a certain number of Bels.

/[Eph 4:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/4/12/s_1101012) **for the equipping of the saints** for the **work of service**, to the **building up of the body** of Christ;\

This man…yes ladies…. it is a male role, which I try to point out without getting anyone in an uproar.

Am I your enemy for telling you the truth?

This leader…this pastor-teacher is to equip God’s people with the weapons for spiritual warfare.

To teach the flock Biblical principles so they can grow up and apply BD to their life. Which will lead them to working for the ministry in different realms.

The body being built speaks to a pastor who continues to teach in good times and bad…in season and out of season (2Tim 4:2) as Apostle Paul taught Timothy.

So, these Bels continue to be fed and led in the right direction.

[/Eph 4:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/4/13/s_1101013) until **we all attain to the unity** of the faith, and of the **knowledge** of the Son of God, to a **mature man**, to the **measure of the stature** which belongs to the fullness of Christ.\

This unity is described as a oneness…which means we all have the same goals and are of the same mind….what mind?….the mind of Christ…BD!

The knowledge we need is the knowledge of TLJC.

That knowledge better be correct.

You cannot love someone until you know them intimately…. meaning their mind.

Physical attraction, physical love is a surface love that has no lasting value.

This means we are growing toward maturity which is what that term- *measure of the stature* means in the original Greek….it is pointing out stability which comes from having maturity.

So far, you are not seeing that the church shepherd needs to be out in the community rubbing elbows with all the locals, or social justice warriors or the congregation members who are struggle with personal issues. REPEAT

What happens when a pastor is building up the saints…equipping them for spiritual battle…and pushing them toward SM?

/Eph 4:14 **As a result, we are no longer to be children**, **tossed here and there** by waves and carried about by **every wind of doctrine**, by the **trickery of men**, by **craftiness** in **deceitful scheming**;\

The Apostle Paul is using nautical terms here in the Greek. Being *tossed here and there* by *every wind* - is a nautical term.

And seeing as how fishing was a huge industry in the ancient world at this time it fits in perfectly for the lesson.

The emphasis is on SM….stop, being emotional babies concerning your spiritual walk. God wants us to be strong in HIS word…problem solvers not problem makers in our lives.

*Every wind of doctrine and trickery of men* – is a direct conviction on false teachers and doctrines of demons.

REPEAT

Apostle Paul goes on after highlighting false doctrine – to grow up…. because Satan’s cosmic system is filled with schemes and crafty people who are going to lead you astray with secular knowledge.

Accuracy in the WORD may be one of the most important priorities in your life.

[Eph 4:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/4/15/s_1101015) but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ,

Again, we are told grow up which only happens when pastor-teachers work hard to feed the flock that God gave them.

[Eph 4:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/4/16/s_1101016) from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

This talks about the strength of unity when Bels start to operate in their callings after salvation because they grew up by studying the word under prepared men.

/Pastor-teacher is a calling for Church Age men, ordained by God to be leaders who diligently study and teach, then study and teach and finally study and teach some more. That is his calling and priority. Accuracy in the Word is his main concern not personality conflicts or community struggles. Not popularity or political correctness.\