

## **The Doctrine of Soteriology:**

### **Session 11: The Importance of Gospel Clarity**

#### **Fact 1: Eternity is at stake:**

- **John 3:16-18**
- **John 3:36**
- **1 John 5:11-13**

#### **Fact 2: It is constantly under attack: Jude 1:3**

- **Demeaned: 1 Corinthians 1:18**
- **Attacked: Philippians 3:18-19**
- **Adjusted: Galatians 1:6-8**
- **Exploited: 2 Peter 2:1-3**

#### **Fact 3: It is the focal point of every major doctrine:**

- **The doctrine of God:**
  - **His holiness:**
    - **Isaiah 59:2**
    - **1 Corinthians 6:11**
  - **His justice:**
    - **Romans 2:5-6**
    - **Romans 5:9**
    - **Ephesians 2:3**
    - **Colossians 3:6**
    - **1 Peter 3:18**
  - **His benevolence:**
    - **Ephesians 2:4**
    - **John 3:16**
    - **Romans 5:8**
    - **1 John 3:1**
      - **Mercy:**
      - **Grace:**
      - **Love:**
  - **His sovereignty:**
    - **His power: Galatians 4:4-5**
    - **His wisdom: 1 Corinthians 1:23**
    - **His meticulous care: Ephesians 1:3-5**
  - **His trustworthiness:**

- **1 John 5:11-12**
- **Titus 1:2**
- **Romans 4:16-21**
- **His triunity: Ephesians 1:11-14**
  - **In Christ:** "In whom also we have obtained an inheritance..."
  - **After the Counsel of the Father's will:** "Being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will..."
  - **Sealed by the Spirit:** "Ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession..."
- **The doctrine of Man:**
  - **Our dignity:** We were created in the image of God.
    - **Genesis 1:26-27**
  - **Our responsibility:** We have a will that we can exercise for good or evil and will be held responsible for what we do.
    - **Genesis 2:17**
  - **Our depravity:** Every aspect of who we are has been corrupted by the fall.
    - **Romans 3:10-18**
    - **Romans 8:3**
  - **Our guilt:** We are by nature the children of wrath.
    - **1 Corinthians 15:22**
    - **Romans 3:23**
    - **Ephesians 2:3**
- **The doctrine of scripture: 2 Timothy 3:15**
  - **Its inerrancy:** It is entirely perfect and true
  - **Its perspicuity:** It is accessible and clear in what it affirms
  - **Its sufficiency:** It contains everything God wants us to know.
- **The doctrine of sin:**
  - **Sin defiles:**
    - **Isaiah 64:6**
    - **1 Thessalonians 4:7**
    - **Romans 6:19**
  - **Sin is rebellion: 1 John 3:4**
  - **Sin must be judged: Romans 2:1-6**
- **The doctrine of Christ:**

- **Philippians 2:6-7**
- **John 1:1-3, 14**
  - He is and has always been fully God.
  - He took on full humanity at a point in time.
  - He voluntarily, temporarily took on human limitations.
  - He lived in a fallen world and suffered in a fallen world as a perfect man.
- **The doctrine of the Spirit:**
  - **He convicts: John 16:8**
  - **He regenerates: Ephesians 2:1**
  - **He indwells: 1 Corinthians 6:19**

**Fact 4: All pastoral concerns lead back to this doctrine:**

- **Pride: 1 Corinthians 1:25-29**
- **Unforgiveness: Colossians 3:12-13**
- **Insecurity: Ephesians 1:3-6**
- **Burnout: Colossians 2:8-10, 18-19**
- **Submission to God: Romans 6:4**
- **Walking by faith:**

**Fact 5: It is a simple rich message:**

- **The basic object of our faith: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4**
  - **Christ:** It is about a person.
  - **Died:** It is about what He did.
  - **For:** It is about why He did it.
  - **Our sins:** It is about who He did it for.
  - **According to the scriptures:** It is about where I find this information.
- **The depth of that faith should never stop growing.**
- **Our wonder in that story should never stop growing.**
- **Our reflection on the gospel should never become stagnant.**