

L1 Essential Doctrines: Introduction

Read 2 Corinthians 2:8-11

Pray

Lesson Points:

- **Introduction**
- **First Glance at Non-Ignorant Statements**

Introduction

- What makes something essential?
 - *Necessary to the constitution or existence of a thing.*
 - *Important in the highest degree.*
- All of God's Word is essential
 - Matthew 4:4
- This series will cover two matters:
 1. Certain doctrines that the Adversary particularly attacks in:
 - The dispensation of the grace of God, and in
 - God's program with Israel
 2. Certain doctrines that give godly reason to depart from the church.
- Certain doctrines that the Adversary particularly attacks:
 - First of all, by name Satan means "adversary"; that is, an individual who conducts himself as an opponent or a hindrance to you, by determining to stand in your way and challenge you.
 - Satan, is more than an enemy, for it is possible for an enemy to leave you alone, but Satan the Adversary of God is actively pursuing a course of enmity and opposition to you. He is engaged in trying to thwart something you are doing, or to contest your possession of something, often to possess for himself that which you have.
 - Therefore, Satan is opposed to all that God is and is doing and everything of God and His plan and purpose are under attack.
 - However, because God by His Spirit teaches, educates, and edifies by way of words and doctrine the Adversary attacks what God is doing by adding, changing, taking away from God's words and doctrine, thus becoming "the doctrine of devils".
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 - With all that said, the Adversary has some particular "pet doctrines", some "go-to doctrines" that if he can get a member of the body of Christ to follow can effectively "spoil", "beguile", and "bewitch" them, causing them, by way of "swerving from the truth" to not be a "light", or "blameless", or "faint": all in all not make the impact to God's honour, glory, and praise, but instead to in turn glorify, honour, and praise the Adversary.
 - These certain doctrines are highlighted in Paul's warning to three areas and their

churches: Romans, Corinthians, and the Thessalonians.

- Paul brings attention to the Adversaries "pet doctrines" by warning the brethren not to be "ignorant".
 - Paul does this on 6 occasions.

First Glance at Non-Ignorant Statements

- Ignorance/Ignorant
 - Destitute of knowledge; uninstructed or uninformed; untaught; unenlightened
 - Want, absence or destitution of knowledge; the negative state of the mind which has not been instructed in arts, literature or science, or has not been informed of facts. Ignorance may be general, or it may be limited to particular subjects.
 - In contrast:
 - 1 Corinthians 2:6-16
 - 1 Corinthians 8:1-2
 - 2 Corinthians 4:6
 - Ephesians 4:8-16-24
 - Philippians 3:8-12
 - Colossians 1:9-10; 2:1-2; 3:9-11
- Non-Ignorant Statement #1
 - **Romans 1:13** - *"Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles."*
 - :10-12 - "will of God"
 - "some spiritual gift"
 - "established"
 - 1 Corinthians 3:9
 - "husbandry"
 - "planted"
 - "watered"
 - "grow up"
 - "rooted"
 - "fruit"
 - "building"
 - "wise masterbuilder"
 - "edification"
 - "foundation"
 - "build"
 - 2 Corinthians 10:8; 13:10
 - Non-Ignorant Issue #1 - Pauline Authority unto Godly Edification
- Non-Ignorant Statement #2
 - **Romans 11:25** - *"For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in."*

- "for" - further explanation and amplification of what Paul has been talking about
 - "mystery" - first mention of "mystery"
 - "blindness in part is happened to Israel"
 - "until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in."
 - "wise in your own conceits" - result of ignorance
- Romans 15:8-12
 - "Christ was a minister of the circumcision"
 - :16 - "that I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost."
 - Galatians 2:7-9
 - 1 Timothy 2:1-7
 - 2 Timothy 1:8-11
- Non-Ignorant Issue #2 - Israel, the Gentiles, and the Mystery
- **Non-Ignorant Statement #3**
 - **1 Corinthians 10:1 - *"Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;...."***
 - :6 - "these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted"
 - :11 - "...are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
 - :3 - "for this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:"
 - :7 - "for God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness"
 - Romans 6
 - :3 - "baptism"
 - 1 Corinthians 12 - "drink into one Spirit"
 - :11-12 - "let not sin reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."
 - :22 - "...fruit unto holiness"
 - Romans 7
 - :8 - "...concupiscence"
 - 2 Corinthians 7:1
 - Ephesians 4:24
 - Titus 2:11-14
 - Non-Ignorant Issue #3 - True Godly Sanctification/Holiness

- **Non-Ignorant Statement #4**
 - 1 Corinthians 12:1 - *"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant"*
 - Non-Ignorant Issue #4 - Spiritual Gifts
- **Non-Ignorant Statement #5**
 - 2 Corinthians 1:8-9 - *"For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: but we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:"*
 - Sufferings of Christ in particular and sufferings of this present time in general
 - Non-Ignorant Issue #5 - Sufferings
- **Non-Ignorant Statement #6**
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:13 - *"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."*
 - Non-Ignorant Issue #6 - Death and Our Hope