

## **Great Biblical Doctrines**

Once in a church where I was serving as pastor, I announced I would be preaching a series of messages on doctrine. A committee from the deacons came to see me and shared their concern, “Pastor we think preaching doctrinal sermons is unwise. Doctrinal sermons would be too boring. People will stop coming to church!” Few, if any today are focusing on the great doctrinal messages that clearly set forth God’s expectations and promises. Perhaps they think they are too boring and unnecessary.

One of the greatest, most exciting sermon series Dr. Criswell left for us was printed as his seven volume series *Great Doctrines of the Bible*. In an opening section on the importance of doctrine he stated:

Doctrines make us what we are. If the doctrines are true and faithful and correct, they are a foundation on which Christian life can erect a worthy superstructure. Doctrines are the foundation on which the Christian life rests. If a foundation is correct, true, inerrant, then the house above is strong and vibrant. But if the foundation is incorrect, unstable, untrue, and weak, then the walls that are built on it will ultimately collapse (see Matt. 7:24-27). This is the tragedy that has overwhelmed our modern culture and present civilization. People have built their ill-founded houses on the sand, and we are seeing them collapse all around us. The psalmist cried, “If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?” (Ps. 11:3). *Great Doctrine of the Bible, Volume I, Bibliology*, pp. 16-17.

I am constantly amazed at the lack of concern for biblical doctrine in our day. I also am amazed at the lack of knowledge and understanding among many pastors, teachers, and people in the pew regarding biblical and doctrinal truth. In the weeks and months ahead we will be taking a brief overtime of some of the most important doctrinal truths from God’s Word. I look forward to this opportunity to share with you in the *Newscorner*, about these great lessons from the Word of God.

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