

# CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE BASICS

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## **Class 19: Review and Discussion – Part 2 of 2**

**PURPOSE:** To refine the categorical (topical) way we understand the Scriptures helping us conform to Christ.

### Tank:

<sup>5</sup> **We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God**, and take every thought captive to obey Christ..

- 2 Corinthians 10:5

- [www.albertmohler.com](http://www.albertmohler.com)
- [www.aomin.org](http://www.aomin.org) of *Alpha and Omega Ministries*.
- [www.creation.com](http://www.creation.com) of *Creation Ministries International*.

### Bridge:

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” <sup>19</sup> **Go** therefore and **make disciples of all nations**..

- Matthew 28:18-19a

- [www.t4g.org](http://www.t4g.org) of *Together for the Gospel*.
- [www.thegospelcoalition.org](http://www.thegospelcoalition.org)

### Hospital:

<sup>2</sup> **Bear one another's burdens**, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

- Galatians 6:2

- [www.biblicalcounseling.com](http://www.biblicalcounseling.com) of *Associated of Certified Biblical Counselors*.
- [www.ccef.org](http://www.ccef.org) of *Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation*.
- [www.9marks.org](http://www.9marks.org) of *9 Marks of a Healthy Church*.

## **IX. Class 9: Church – Our Union with Christ**

- A. Tank: The church suffers an identity crisis when Christ ceases to be our all in all; this is a place where the Devil strikes hardest (see Paul's warning in Galatians 1:6-9).
- B. Bridge: "I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd" (John 10:16).
- C. Hospital: "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (-Jesus in Matthew 11:29).

## **X. Class 10: Church – The Local Church**

- A. Tank: Local church in-house accountability is one of the greatest battles being fought (Hebrews 10:24-25).
- B. Bridge: So long as the church does not go into hiding, its doors are open for unbelievers to visit (1 Corinthians 14:23).
- C. Hospital: The church has been known to be a place of literal healing (James 5:14-15) & restoration (Philemon).

## **XI. Class 11: Church – Structure(s)**

- A. Tank: Guardedness about being too autocratic (Pope rule) or else becoming leaderless (no Elders).
- B. Bridge: The ultimate mission of missions: church planting; and it takes churches to plant a church.
- C. Hospital: The church has been a place known to support widows (1 Timothy 5:3-9) who were also known for carrying a legacy of serving the church body (v. 10).

## **XII. Class 12: Original Sin**

- A. Tank: In humility, the church is instructed to see things from God's point of view over man's perspective. *This is a constant struggle.* From God's point of view when Adam sinned we all died (Romans 5:12-19).
- B. Bridge: True evangelism takes off when people realize just how broken their sinful human frame truly is.
- C. Hospital: Our minds are renewed when we understand Jesus Christ has replaced Adam as our federal head.

## **XIII. Class 13: Sin – The Effects (Two Deaths)**

- A. Tank: We mustn't fool ourselves; though Christians have the Holy Spirit, the slippery slope to do what our flesh wants to do is still out there (Romans 7:13-25).
- B. Bridge: True evangelism takes off when people realize just how broken their sinful human frame truly is.
- C. Hospital: Encouraging words for every Christian's funeral: "Death is swallowed up in victory...O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:54-55).

## **XIV. Class 14: Salvation - Election**

- A. Tank: The opposite of Election is an independent conversion/spirituality which the Bible regards as a heresy (i.e., *pelagianism* opposite Ps. 51:5, Rom. 9-11).
- B. Bridge: Because God has chosen *peoples from every tribe* (Rev. 7:9), we have reason travel far on mission.
- C. Hospital: The Doctrine of Election assures us that our conversions didn't just happen by chance.

## **XV. Class 15: Salvation – “Repent & Believe!”**

- A. Tank: Good reminder...*conversion does not happen by osmosis*. True turning from sin and true dependence on Christ and his work are essentials worth defending.
- B. Bridge: “...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9).
- C. Hospital: Christians are to echo the call to repentance and belief, even to each other (Hebrews 3:12-13).

## **XVI. Class 16: Salvation - Justification**

- A. Tank: The Doctrine of Justification separates Christianity from all other systems running on self-works to validate themselves. But Christians look 100% to Christ.
- B. Bridge: People should be drawn to the idea of having a right standing before a holy God. What relief from guilt!
- C. Hospital: The Doctrine of Justification helps us forgive and restore others since it is the staple of our being.

## **XVII. Class 17: Salvation - Sanctification**

- A. Tank: Constant struggle: “Having one foot in Christianity and having one foot in the world.” (“Walking the fence”).
- B. Bridge: Lifestyle evangelism isn’t a complete evangelism. The gospel has to be explained. But people do notice when you say “no” to sin. It can stir them to conviction.
- C. Hospital: In their consecrating themselves to Savior God, believers begin to preserve the earth like salt all the while redefining “enlightenment” in the global forum (Matthew 5:13-16). This makes for a sustainable future.