

CHRISTIAN KINGDOM COLLEGE: FALL 2019



1. BIBLE DOCTRINE 1

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30PM, September 3 through November 19, 2019
Winchester Campus (Church of Christ at Mountain View)

Jesus commissioned His followers to make disciples by going, baptizing and “teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:20). The earliest Christians then “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching” (Acts 2:42). In the church of Jesus Christ, the Lord’s overseers are to “able to teach” (1 Timothy 3:2). Evangelists are to devote themselves “to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching” (1 Timothy 4:13-16). Paul told Timothy, “the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others” (2 Timothy 2:2).

Paul emphasizes that sound doctrine is essential for the salvation of both the teacher and learner: “Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers” (1 Timothy 4:16). The Lord’s servants must thoroughly know God’s Word. “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Therefore, you must “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15).

Bible Doctrine 1 presents Biblical doctrine subject by subject. Bible Doctrine 1 is the first of two classes (one semester each) which cover every major subject in God’s Word. Students will study what the Bible says about the existence of God, God’s nature, His works, Creation, Sin, angels, demons, death, the person and work of Christ, the person and work of the Holy Spirit, salvation; the nature, purpose, organization and practices of the Church; Biblical prophecy, end times, the second coming of Jesus and the final judgement.

Peter warned that “there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them” (2 Peter 2:1). Paul warned that “the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear” (2 Timothy 4:3). In a world in which false teaching abounds, it is our time, responsibility and honor “to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God’s holy people” (Jude 3).

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Required textbook for students enrolled for credit: Cottrell, Jack (2002). The faith once for all: Bible doctrine for today. College Press Publishing Company.

2. 1 CORINTHIANS

Fridays, 7:00-9:00PM, Beginning September 6

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The Apostle Paul established the church at Corinth by converting Jews and Gentiles to Christ on his missionary journey through Greece between 50-52 A.D. Leaving Corinth and arriving at Ephesus, he was still close enough to hear good things and bad about his infant congregation. He wrote to them in a former letter telling them not to associate with immoral people (1Cor 5:9). So this letter (written around 55 A.D.) would actually be the 2nd letter sent from Paul to the church of Christ at Corinth. The first letter is considered "lost"; though it is my belief God has arranged in the "canonization" of Scripture all that we need and all He intended for us to have.

In this letter Paul addresses division in the congregation (chapters 1-4), immorality (chapters 5-11), problems they were having with the gifts of the Spirit (chapters 12-14), and the resurrection (chapters 15-16). This semester we will go into great depth examining this important New Testament epistle.

Professor: Preacher Doug