

The Doctrine of Christ

Introduction

1. There are many denominational books, creeds, disciplines, etc. that supplement the Bible. Most every church has “something” else.
2. These other “things” are needed because a different doctrine is being taught.
3. John touched on this very thing when he wrote His second letter.
2 John 6-11
4. Overview of the situation:
 - A. Love is demonstrated by walking according to Christ.
John 14:15
John 13:34-35
 - B. Commanded to walk in His doctrine.
 - C. Keeping what commandments? ALL
Matthew 28:18-20
 - D. Commandments of Jesus IS the Doctrine of Jesus.
 - E. Transgressor taught a different doctrine.
 - **The doctrine of “not confessing Christ as coming in the flesh”.**
 - F. Called a deceiver or anti-Christ.
 - G. v8 - “Look to yourselves” (watch out - Mark 13:9).

- H. Worked hard for the truth and righteousness.**
- I. He summarizes His Point:**
- 1) A transgressor is one that does not love Christ, deceitful.**
 - 2) Those that love Christ will abide in His doctrine.**
- 5. The purpose of this lesson this morning is to show us that salvation can only be gained **by abiding in** the doctrine of Christ.**
- We MUST **“know”** to be able to **“Abide”**

John 8:32 *“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

The Transgressor Does Not Have God

(Christ’s doctrine is not His, but rather His Father’s - John 7:16)

- 1. Transgressor defined: “to overstep or break a law or commandment,” “to go beyond a limit or boundary,” “to break a law,” “to sin”**

1 John 3:4 Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

2. Who is the “transgressor?”

A. One who abides not in the doctrine of Christ.

- 1) Doctrine defined: “something taught,” “teachings,” “something taught as the **principles** of a religion.”

B. Anyone who purposely does anything contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ is a “transgressor!”

- 1) The word transgression as used in the NKJV means “a deliberate breach of the law.”
- 2) It means every instance of “disregarding the law.” and often times this one is guilty of also teaching others.
- 3) “Disobedience” is every instance of not hearing the law and hence every instance of disobeying it.
Hebrews 2:1-3

3. So we note that those who “transgress” or “disobey” will not inherit salvation.

1 Timothy 4:12

I John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because **many false prophets have gone out into the world.**

Galatians 1:6-9;

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

The One Who Abides in the Doctrine of Christ Has God

1. **To Abide means: “to be steadfast,” “remain,” “to stay,” “to submit to.”**
2. **The Bible is filled with page after page commanding and encouraging us to abide in Christ’s teaching.**
3. **We as a congregation MUST return to the Word of Jesus and submit to His teaching!**
4. **We MUST do so – in order to gain our heavenly home!**
5. **The apostle Paul encourages us:**
1 Corinthians 15:58

1Thessalonians 5:21-23 **Test** all things; **hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body **be preserved blameless** at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is **your reasonable service**. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, that you may **prove** what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

6. **Jesus taught to abide in Him was to be attached to Him.**
John 15:1-11

John 8:31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, **“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.”**

Our Responsibility Toward Those Who Choose Not to Abide in the Doctrine of Christ

- 1. We are not to welcome them with open arms, embracing their false teaching**
 - A. These have chosen to “transgress” Christ’s law.**
 - B. We should do nothing that could be construed as encouraging them as “religious teachers.” We are not to “aid” in their instruction of “false doctrine.”**
 - C. By encouraging them, or giving the impression that we support their teaching makes us guilty.**

- 2. To the brethren in Rome Paul said:**

Romans 16:17-18 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, **contrary to the doctrine** which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.

- 3. To the Thessalonian brethren Paul said:**
2 Thessalonians 2:15; 3:6

Conclusion

- 1. May we see that salvation can only be gained by those who abide in the doctrine of Jesus Christ.**
- 2. To abide in Christ is to Love Christ. Do you love Jesus?**
John 14:15
Matthew 7:21

