

19:17-24 The Dividing Line
Series: Who is Jesus, the Christ?
Reading – **1 Corinthians 15:1-8** 20th November, 2016

Today we want to start the crucifixion and look at the doctrine it teaches. Last week we looked at the permissive will of God. God controls and overrides the sin of men, to use it for His purpose. He doesn't tempt men nor is He tempted by evil. He is pure. This is a start to understanding what happened during the crucifixion. God allowed men to follow their own evil hearts and this is where it led them. Evil is not just a little bad, outside of God's control, but evil (sin) IS all consuming and won't stop until it has brought man to ruin and extinguishes the light. Yet there are some other doctrines that we want to look at before we talk about the actual facts of the crucifixion. First, let's look at the word "doctrine." It isn't something to be afraid of, or to worry about. It is something critical to everything about us. Let's take a bit of time to explain doctrine and why it is important to our lives.

- What is Doctrine?
 - 1) Teaching, instruction 2) teaching 2a) that which is taught, doctrine 2b) teachings, precepts....
 - Teach – didasko (**did as' ko**) – Math, start with tables, then add relationships of fractions to percents, to decimals, then rules of behavior, than Algebra... You build from the bottom up.
 - Doctrine - heterodidaskaleo {**het-er-od-id-as-kal-eh'-o**} to teach another, teach otherwise. 1Tim1:3
 - Doctrine – didache {**did-akh-ay'**} 1) teaching 1a) that which is taught 1b) doctrine, teaching, concerning something... form of teaching.
 - Specific teaching on a subject. Or a way of Teaching. (Small steps, hard points of certainty. We start with what we know.)
 - Ex. Jesus died on a cross = fact; Jesus died **for** our sins 1 Cor. 15:3 is doctrine. (J. Gresham Machen)
 - **1 Cor 15:1-3** ¹“Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, ²by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-- unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: **that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,**”
 - Doctrine is based on Scripture. It is clearly stated in context, agreement with other scriptures...
 - The understanding of what was accomplished, or of why God did something.... Doctrine!
 - **Matthew 16:8-9** ⁸“But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread ⁹Do you not yet understand, or remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you took up?”
 - 1st error – Failure to understand. They were with Christ, listening, seeing, but they hadn't put the pieces together. In fact they forgot what had happened quickly.
 - We can be guilty of this error easily. We come to church, but instead of understanding and then applying what we learn, we leave it at church. In one ear and out the other... notes, memorizing, questions, marking in your Bibles, cross referencing...
 - Ears, heads, heart, will, obedience.... law doesn't work alone, it must be built on a proper understand, effecting the heart, to get to the will.
 - Speeding! Versus speeding on icy roads...
 - 2nd error – They didn't even remember the acts. Even if they didn't understand the beginning of God's ways, the facts of what He had done should have taught them enough to know it wasn't ...
 - **Psalms 78:9-12** ⁹“The children of Ephraim, *being armed and* carrying bows, Turned back in the day of battle. ¹⁰They did not keep the covenant of God; They refused to walk in His law, ¹¹And forgot His works And His wonders that He had shown them. ¹²Marvelous things He did in the sight of their fathers, In the land of Egypt, *in the field of Zoan.*”
 - **1 Timothy 1:3** “As I urged you when I went into Macedonia-- remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine,”

- Doctrine is to guard and limit. Correct doctrine is the basis of a correct understanding. False doctrine about serious issues of salvation, is reason to punish, to discipline, to cut of fellowship.
- **2 Timothy 2:15** “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
- **Jude 1:3-4** “³ Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. ⁴ For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.”
- **Matthew 7:13-18** “¹³ Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. ¹⁵ Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit.”
- **2 Timothy 4:1-4** “¹ I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: ² Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and **teaching**. (KJV doctrine – specific teaching, didache {**did-akh-ay**'}) ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.”
- Isaiah 8:2; Malachi 3:18; Matthew 7:15-17; 1 John 2:22; 1 Timothy 1:3-4; Ephesians 5:11; 1 Timothy 1:18-20; Galatians 1:7-8; 2 John 1:10-11; Romans 16:17-18; Colossians 2:8; 15. Revelation 22:18-19; 1 John 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:21; **2 Timothy 3:16**; **2 Timothy 4:2**; Titus 3:10-11; Ephesians 4:14-15; Jude 1:4; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
- Let see how it works!
 - **James 1:13-14** “¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, I am tempted by God; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.”
 - This gave us a hard data points.
 - God can NOT be the direct cause of evil. He allows it passively, but the evil never originates, or comes from God.
 - Two more verses that show the same thought, giving us a solid point to start from about God. We start all of our thinking about God from these solid points.
 - **1 John 1:5** “God is light and in Him is no darkness at all; confirms this.”
 - **James 1:17** “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”
 - Second point is about the evil of the human heart. Our own hearts are what draw us away to lust.
 - **Jer. 17:9** “⁹ The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?”
 - **Romans 3:10-17** Shows us this wicked heart of man. None good, none seeks, none understands.
 - The sum of God’s Word is truth PS 119:160. Understood in context, in agreement with the whole, no contradictions. Mysteries and difficult things, but these are the hard data points.
- We want to ask now, what did Christ do on the cross? What are the doctrines that the cross teaches?
 - The importance of understanding this!!
 - **2 John 1:9** “Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.” **2 Timothy 3:1-5**

- This is the core of our salvation, the center of our hope of Heaven, the way in the narrow gate. We need to be absolutely sure of what the facts are teaching us, but near and far. It is our comfort, joy, encouragement, strength for this word.

The question for us today, is how well do we know what the Bible teaches. If you had to teach today, are you ready? It is more important than just teaching as you need to know that you know that you believe. This coming study we will be looking at the cross to see not just what happened, but why and what did it accomplish. It is described by Paul, as the “Power of God.” I hope you will continue to build your understanding of the doctrines of Christ with us.