

## Should We Preach Jesus and Ignore Doctrine?

Dan Jenkins

Sometimes we hear individuals say, “Why should we be so concerned about doctrine? We should just preach Jesus and ignore doctrine. Preaching doctrine creates division, but preaching Jesus will bring unity.” Those who say these things often are motivated to bring about harmony among those who follow Jesus, but we must begin by asking, “What does the Bible teach about the importance of doctrine?” Think about all you would have to give up if you never preached doctrine.

If I gave up all doctrine, I could never preach about Jesus’ resurrection. When Paul was teaching in the marketplace in Athens he proclaimed the resurrection of Jesus. He was taken to the Acropolis where he was questioned by the Greek philosophers. They said, “May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak” (Acts 17:18-19)?

If I gave up all doctrine, I could never preach about the sermon on the mount. Matthew devoted three chapters to this amazing lesson taught by Jesus. It is filled with moral teachings like the beatitudes, Christian influence as salt and light, loving our neighbors, humility in prayer, the goodness of God in His providence, the Golden Rule, etc. “When Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at His doctrine; for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes” (Matt. 7:28-29). If I cannot preach doctrine, I cannot preach the sermon on the mount!

If I gave up all doctrine, I could never preach about the parables of Jesus. Mark described the preaching of Jesus. “And He taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in His doctrine . . .” (Mark 4:2). Jesus spoke more than 30 parables, but I could not use them. I could not tell about the prodigal son, the good Samaritan, the pearl of great price, the wise builder, etc. How can I preach about Jesus without using His parables, but they are doctrine!

If I gave up all doctrine, I could never free men from sin. Paul described the salvation of the Romans using these words, “But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness” (Rom. 6:17-18). If the heartfelt obedience to doctrine brought freedom from sin, how can anyone, who loves the lost, minimize the preaching of doctrine?

Take time to use your concordance to read all the Bible says about doctrine. Do this with a sincere heart and you will never again speak of separating Jesus from doctrine. Take time to study the Bible, it’s not that hard to understand!

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**BIBLE CLASS**  
**Class**            **Teacher**  
Adult            : James, Siamkhanmuan  
Inter.            : Biakmang & Jamson  
Junior            : Minlun & Chiinpi  
Primary          : Vungngaihkim & Suanlian  
Beginner        : Chingkhanlun & Rosely

**TOUPA NI'  
THILPIAK**

**Date 24.03.2024 = 57,762/-**

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

**"Midiktat lampi lah dikna ahi a; nang lungtang  
diktat pu in mi diktat lampi na hihman sek"  
- Isai 26:7.**

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**Biakna Hunzeek**

Toupa' Ni

Date 31.03.2024

Hun-uk thumna : Joseph  
Lapi                : Siamkhanmuan  
Thilpiak            : Dongkhanlian  
Theihgigena        : Janglet  
Thugen             : Lang James  
Thumna             : Doukhankhual

**Midweek online Bible Class**

Date 03.04.2024

Thumna            : Thangdouliau  
Sinsaktu            : Chuck Horner  
Thumna             : John Mung

**Kiginni**

Date 06.04.2024

Hun-uk thumna : Thongginlian  
Lapi                : Khamminthang  
Thugen             : Jamson  
Thumna             : Suanlal John

**Toupa' Ni**

Date 07.04.2024

Hun-uk thumna : Thongginlian  
Lapi                : Khamminthang  
Thilpiak            : Jangminthang  
Theihgigena        : Siamkhanmuan  
Thugen             : Lang James  
Thumna             : Amjangthang

**NGAPLOU UH**

☞ Hitang khosik ziak in unaunu Ngaihhoih ngaplou in ana om a kal masa biaknate ah leng hong kihel ngaplou hi. Tun bel Pathian oompihna toh damsiangta hi.

☞ Tuabang mah in unaunu Niangngaihching leng hitang khosik ziak mah in ngaplou in ana om. Amah leng Pathian ompihna toh damta.

☞ Unaupa Thang John Mung-te nupa leng hitang khosik ziak mah in ngaplou in ana om mahle uh amau leng ana damsiangta uhi.

**HONGTUNG KIKTA**

☞ Shillong lam a hun nuam zang diing a zin unaupa Jangthang-te inn-kuan sintawp ni in damtak in Delhi hongtung kiknawnta uhi. Damtak a hongtun theih ziak un i kipak uh.

**SUTI HONG PAI UH**

☞ A tate school lam toh kisai a po-imohna om ziak in unaupa Thanglian-mang in suti la in Delhi hong pai a i lak uah omlel. Damleh kalnawn vel in kuan nawn diing hi.

☞ Unaupa Lunsang leng suti ni tamlou zang diing in Delhi hong pai zual hi. Amah leng damleh tukal vel in kiknawn diing hi'n kigen hi.

**LA CHIAT NI**

☞ Preacher in second quaretr a diing unaute inn vehna program thak hong bawl nawnta. Kongkhak bul ah news dangte toh kikoih khawm diing a unaute'n i la siausiau diing uh.

**ANA NGAPLOU**

☞ Unaupa Joseph Suantak taksa hatlouhna tuamtuam ziak in kal paita sung in ni nihvel ana bahsim mahleh zan in biakna ah leng hong tel ngapta.

**Bible Classes**

Patton, Hershel

I attend because they help me grow in grace and knowledge. I share in the lessons and thoughts from various ones. There my children learn lessons that will help preserve them from the pitfalls of life and prepare them for heaven and eternity. My participation shows to the world my interest in the church and spiritual things — which may influence others for good. My concern for others, my children and my own soul will not let me willfully neglect such activity.

Now, suppose you make a list of reasons why you do not attend the classes:

- "I'd rather sleep late."
- "It's too much trouble to get up and get the kids ready."
- "There's something else I had rather do."
- "The teacher doesn't interest me."
- "I'm good enough and know enough already."
- "I need the extra rest (so I can work more overtime and/or engage in more recreational activities)."

Go ahead, make your list. Then present it to God when you pray! If you think God will accept such excuses, I suggest you read (before you reach judgment day) Matthew 6:33, Matthew 25, and Revelation 3:14-21.