

The Fundamentals

Lesson 1: Overview

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"To this end was a born...for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth...Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?" – Jn 18:37-38

1. Introduction

- a. What is truth? Can it be known? Is it relative?
- b. Some of life's most important questions:
 - i. Who am I? Where do I come from? What is my purpose? What happens when I die?
- c. How do you know? A: Unknown, reason, experience, combo, stories, testing, relationship
- d. What about revelation? How many sources claim divine revelation?
- e. What claim does the Bible make regarding the origin of truth & faith? Rom10:17, Heb11:1; 1Thess2:13; Eph1:13

2. The Fundamentals of Christianity

- a. The Bible: Inspiration & preservation of scripture 2Tim3:15-16
- b. The Triune God: God the Father, God the Son, God the Spirit 1Jn5:7
- c. The Person of Christ: The God-man Jn1:1-3,14
- d. The Work of Christ: The Atonement 1Tim2:3-6
- e. The Resurrection of Christ: The Power of Salvation Eph1:20
- f. The Body of Christ: The Church of today 1Cor12:12; Eph1:23
- g. The Judgment of Christ Ac17:30-31

3. Major Terms

- a. Promises
- b. Covenants
- c. Law vs. Grace
- d. Kingdom: Earthly or Heavenly
- e. Hell vs. Heaven
- f. Circumcision, Uncircumcision, Israel & Gentiles
- g. Gospels: 1) circumcision, 2) kingdom, 3) cross, 4) everlasting
- h. Messiah
- i. Apostles: the 12 vs. Paul
- j. Churches: Israel vs. Body of Christ

4. Principles

- a. Interpretation: literal vs. spiritual
- b. Application: historical, spiritual & doctrinal
- c. Revelation: singular or progressive
- d. Info: prophecy or mystery