

have a relationship with God because of Jesus. 3 step plan sinner – savior – believe. To simple, yes so simple most will reject Jesus, deny Jesus or add to Jesus some religious act or man made tradition.

I. What are you up against?

A. Cults

1. What do they believe

a) Is it a primary doctrine or secondary

(1) Pick your fights

(a) Keep it primary

2. Learned men
3. Scientists
4. Degree holders

II. Strategy and tactics for Christians (1 Peter 3:15)

1. Love your enemies
2. Be sober be vigilant – alert
3. Be equally yoked – marry in house – equally mature
4. Be slow to speak, quick to hear and slow to anger
5. A soft answer turns away anger
6. be gentle as dove and wise as a serpent
7. Render not evil for evil but do good and it will be like heaping hot coals on them

III. Biblical doctrine

A. Primary doctrines

a) Necessary for salvation

(1) Doctrine of God

- (a) Existence – always was, is, and will be = I am
- (b) Perfection – he exists in himself
 - (i) Stems objectivity – absolute truth
 - (ii) Can't lie
 - (iii) No evil in him
 - (iv) Promise keeper
- (c) Creator – of all things
 - (i) Purpose of creation – created to worship

(iii)Stems sovereignty – right to control

(d) Holiness – no sin can enter heaven

(2) Doctrine of law and commandments

(a) Objectivity – absolute truth

(3) Doctrine of sin

(a) Origin of sin - Adam and Eve

(b) Death, suffering, evil, natural disasters

(4) Doctrine of Jesus

(a) Existence – always was, is, and will be = I am (John 1, Colossians 1)

(b) God and Man

(c) Sinless – therefore Just and Perfect

(d) Creator

(5) Doctrine of salvation

(a) One way – by grace through faith

(b) Not earned

(i) The law can't save

(ii) Being good can't save

(iii)Service can't save one's self

(iv)Church can't save

(v) Sacraments can't save

(a) Baptism

(c) Eternal salvation – salvation can't be lost

(i) Can't be saved again (Hebrews 6:4-6; 10:26 or lost again)

never leave or forsake, He is faithful 2 timothy 2:13

(iii) Adopted sons always John 1:12, Ephesians 1:5

(iv) The definition of eternal

(d) Foreshadowed – in the Old Testament

(e) Christ the sacrifice – Behold the Lamb of God who take away the sins of the world.

(6) Creation

(a) Six days

(b) Earth is only 6,000 years old

(i) Genealogy is proof

(c) Man and dinosaurs lived together

(d) The flood

(7) Trinity – God three person = one God

(a) Father

(i) Seen in the Old Testament

(ii) References

(b) Son

(i) Seen in the Old Testament

(ii) References

(c) Holy Ghost

(i) Seen in the Old Testament

(ii) References

(8) Doctrine of man

(a) Distinct from animals in that man has a God consciousness

(b) Free will – not a robot

(i) Will finally dwell in heaven or hell for eternity

(9) Doctrine of heaven and hell

B. Secondary doctrines

IV. What weapons will you use in this battle?

A. The bible

1. Hermeneutics

- a) All scripture is given by inspiration of God
- b) the law of non-contradiction
- c) back scripture with scripture
- d) Context

(1) Who is the author talking to?

(a) Jew – Gentile – Saved – lost

2. Biblical doctrine

B. What is the gospel? 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

C. Who is Jesus according to the bible?

- 1. 1 Timothy 3:16 God manifested in the flesh – God
- 2. God and savior - Titus 3:4,6

D. What is the truth?

- 1. Exegesis – taken out of the bible rather than endogesis – opinion
- 2. Science – observations made using senses
 - a) Rather than assumptions

V. Will you endure the fight?

A. Don't compromise primary doctrine for fellowship

1. What message will you bring?

B. Will your faith stand against the doubt false doctrine will bring?

When leading someone to Christ it is easy to stray from the gospel and get off track on some tangent or wild goose chase. People have some many opinions, assumptions, and fallacies already gripping there minds. Soul winning is no longer a 4 step plan or a one night prayer. It is the work of a bible thumper. And you will have to become an expert of your faith to convince and prove your faith. Remember you may have been the same as these the hardened, stubborn, lost people. Don't think that you are better because of your church or your pastor.

I may not have said anything new but that it is the point. Our minds must fresh and filled with doctrine.

My hope is that you will take the basic doctrines and hold fast to them, so that you will be able to discern false doctrine when it approaches you, that you will not be side tracked to doubt your faith in God, that you will not be afraid to suffer for Christ, that Christ will remain in your personality the grantor of your needs, the center of your thought, and the purpose of your actions.