



# Believe

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Week 3

How do I have a relationship  
with God?

# Questions

What is doctrine?

Miriam Webster Online:

Doctrine:

1. something that is taught
2. a principle or position or the body of principles in a branch of knowledge or system of belief

# Noah Webster's Dictionary (1828)

## Doctrine:

1. In a general sense, whatever is taught...The doctrines of the gospel are the principles or truths taught by Christ and his apostles. The doctrines of Plato are the principles which he taught. Hence a doctrine may be true or false; it may be a mere tenet or opinion.

2. The act of teaching.

He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in his doctrine Mark 4:2.

3. Learning; knowledge.

Whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Isaiah 28:9.

4. The truths of the gospel in general. That they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things. Titus 2:1.

5. Instruction and confirmation in the truths of the gospel. 2 Timothy 3:10.

Doctrine simply put is the Truth which is the Word of God and can only be found in the Bible.

Doctrine is everything. It determines our life on earth and our eternal life in heaven.

What is the first example of doctrine being given to mankind?

Genesis 2: 16-17

What is satan's #1 goal for mankind?  
To take as many of God's masterpieces to hell with him as he can.

What separates us from God and keeps us from heaven?

Sin

What allows us to get into heaven?

Salvation

If satan's goal is to keep us out of heaven which doctrines will he be attacking?

Doctrines of Sin & Salvation

# Satan's Aliases

**Adversary**

1 Peter 5:8

**Evil one**

John 17:15

**Serpent**

Genesis 4:3,  
Revelation 20:2

**Destroyer**

Revelation 9:11

**Accuser**

Revelation 12:10

**Murderer**

John 8:44

**Deceiver**

Revelation 12:9

**Tempter**

Genesis 4:3; Revelation 20:2

**Prince**

John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11; Ephesians 2:2

**Angel of light**

2 Corinthians 11:14

**Wise and beautiful angel**

Isaiah 14:12; Ezekiel 28:12-15

# Top Ten Battle Tactics of Satan

- 1) He distorts Truth.
- 2) He paints sin in the colors of virtue.
- 3) He makes light of sin.
- 4) He shows you the sins of good men without showing their repentance and their virtues.
- 5) Presents only the mercy of God without revealing the Righteousness of God.

- 6) He gets you to believe that it is OK to sin then he makes you feel worthless and unable to be forgiven after committing the sin.
- 7) He induces you to toy or play with sin.
- 8) He will point out to you how good sinners have it in the world.
- 9) He induces you to sin by showing you the suffering of Christians.
- 10) He gets you to compare yourself to others who are more sinful.

What is the first example of satan attacking doctrine?

# Genesis 2: 16-17

And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

In Genesis 3: 1 satan says to Eve:

“Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

Question-Is that what God said?

What is satan doing?

Attacking God’s Doctrine by trying to get Eve to misinterpreting it in a way that will benefit her.

In Genesis 3: 2 Eve replies to satan:

“We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

Question-Is that what God said?

What did Eve do?

Changed God’s Doctrine by adding to it and making God appear more demanding.

What can we learn already from what we have read about satan and Eve's conversation?

When satan speaks, ignore him!!!

In Genesis 3: 4-5 satan replies to Eve: “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

What is satan doing now?

Attacking God’s Doctrine by saying it is not true. That it can be interpreted another way that benefits Eve.

Do you think Adam and Eve felt like they were doing wrong when they ate of the fruit of the tree?

If Adam and Eve truly believed that God did not mean they would die, that God had created them with a desire to eat the fruit and that eating from the tree would benefit them then they simply had a little misunderstanding of doctrine. Did God hold them accountable for this little misunderstanding?

If you were going to play chess with the greatest chess player in the world would you use your best move?

Notice satan's move in Matthew 4: 5-6

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,

and they will lift you up in their hands,

so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’

What move did satan try against  
Jesus that has been so successful  
that he considers it his best?

**Attacking Doctrine!!!**

# Doctrine

- 1) Titus 1: 9
- 2) Titus 2: 1
- 3) 2 Timothy 4: 1-4
- 4) 1 Timothy 4: 16
- 5) 1 Timothy 6: 3-5
- 6) 2 John 1: 8-11
- 7) 1 Timothy 1: 9-10
- 8) Ephesians 4: 11-14
- 9) Romans 16: 17-18
- 10) 1 Timothy 1: 1-4

Satan's victims:

## Matthew 7: 22-23

Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?'

Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.'

## Galatians 6: 1

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.

Tempted to do what?

Attack God's Doctrine and conform it to society to allow the sinful act condemned by God.

Nothing new here. Satan's oldest trick in the book.

How do you get to Heaven?

## Acts 2: 37-38

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

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Center Christian Church

# The Conversion of the Samaritans

Acts 8: 5-12

# The Conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch

Acts 8: 26-38

# The Conversion of Saul/Paul

## Acts 9: 1-6, 17-18

# The Conversion of Cornelius

## Acts 10: 34-36, 39-48

# The Conversion of Lydia

## Acts 16:13-15

# The Conversion of the Jailer

## Acts 16: 26-33

If you read God's Word you will see  
the Biblical foundation of Center  
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