

# New Normal: A Transformed Church Before a Watching World

## The Transformative Power of Doctrine

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Titus 1:10-16

**Big Idea: Good doctrine transforms us to live good lives before a watching world.**

**1. Doctrine matters! What you \_\_\_\_\_ matters!**

Doctrine: A belief or set of beliefs held and taught by a church, political party or other group.

Where do you get your doctrine?

What shapes your values? Your behaviors? Your decisions?

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ are we to \_\_\_\_\_ to those who teach false/unhealthy doctrine?**

A. Rebuke *“rebuke them sharply...”*

B. Restore *“so they will be sound in the faith.”*

*“Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently.” **Galatians 6:1***

C. Remove

3. \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of  
good/sound doctrine.

*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."* **2 Peter 3:18**

*"And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good."* **Titus 3:8**

*"Let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven."* **Matthew 5:16**

*Know What You Believe - Paul Little*

*Know Why You Believe - Paul Little*

*Mere Christianity - C.S. Lewis*

*The Reason For God - Tim Keller*

*A Case For Christ - Lee Strobel*

*Systematic Theology - Wayne Grudem*

## **Sermon questions**

1. Why is correct doctrine important enough that Paul commands Titus to rebuke false teachers sharply? (See v. 13)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What false teachings or ideas are common in our culture today?

3. What false ways of thinking about God, the world, and yourself are the most tempting for you to adopt?
4. When a fellow believer holds a view you disagree with, how do you determine what is a “false teaching” that needs to be corrected, and what is a “disputable matter” that should be accepted without quarreling?  
(see **Romans 14:1**)
5. Read verse **16**. If you are someone who claims to know God, what do your actions this past week say about that claim?

6. Paul uses some harsh language at the end of verse **16** to identify the threat of false teachers. How do we balance that with Jesus' admonition to love our enemies in **Luke 6:27-26**?

## **Read the Bible this year**

Pastor Brad encouraged us to read the Bible in 2020. Here's some help getting started. Each day this week read from the Old and New Testament. Or, if you prefer, read just from one testament. Enjoy!

- **Ezra 3-5; John 20**
- **Ezra 6-8; John 21**
- **Ezra 9-10; Acts 1**
- **Nehemiah 1-3**
- **Nehemiah 4-6; Acts 2**
- **Nehemiah 7-9; Acts 3**
- **Nehemiah 10-11; Acts 4**