

FOUNDATIONS

LESSON 3: ARRIVING AT SOUND DOCTRINE

I. A Brief Aside About Seeking Doctrines in the Bible

- A. The Comprehensive, Life-Giving, Heart-Focus of Scripture
- B. The Grand, Redeeming, Narrative Structure of Scripture

II. Careful Study

And Ezra came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. For on the first day of the first month he began to go up from Babylonia, and on the first day of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, for the good hand of his God was on him. For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.

- A. Reading and Listening
- B. Understanding

III. Humble Thinking

- A. Gathering
- B. Reasoning

“And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God: ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not God of the dead, but of the living.” And when the crowd heard it, they were astonished at his teaching. (Matthew 22:31-33)

1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? **2** By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? **3** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

- Premise 1 –
- Premise 2 –
- Premise 3 –
- Conclusion 1 –
- Conclusion 2 –

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1. Deduction

Example: **The Doctrine of Baptism**

Let us consider the following passages together, in addition to Romans 6:1-4.

- Matthew 28:18-20
- Acts 22:12-16
- Colossians 2:11-12
- 1 Peter 3:18-22

2. Induction

Example: **The Doctrine of the Trinity**

- Genesis 1:26a
- Deuteronomy 6:4
- Isaiah 44:6
- Luke 3:21-22
- John 10:25-33

When we put these passages together, we can notice truths like:

- Premise 1 -
- Premise 2 -
- Premise 3 -
- Conclusion –

3. Accessible to the Unlearned

IV. Cooperative Faithfulness to the Word

A. We Can Be Wrong

- Galatians 2:11-14

B. We Can Be Incomplete

- Acts 18:24-26

C. God's Design of Body Life

- Ephesians 4:15-16