**The Church And Its Doctrines**

**Unit 1**

**I. Introduction**

 Through this study we will explore the doctrines of the church and their implications for life. The overarching goal of this course is to answer the question, “Who are we, what do we believe, and why do we believe this?” The answer is that we are Christian, Protestant, dispensational, and believe the Bible is God’s Word. As we engage this goal, we hope to provide you with:

 - A basic \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ framework.

 - A love of doctrine along with an explanation of its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for

 life.

 - An explanation of the basic doctrinal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Christianity

 broadly defined.

 - A description of the various branches of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and their relationship to one another.

 We will examine the Bible’s teachings with respect to these main fields of theology/doctrine:

 1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - The doctrine of God, Himself

 2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - The doctrine of Jesus Christ

 3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - The doctrine of Man

 4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - The doctrine of the Bible

 5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - The doctrine of Salvation

 6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - The doctrine of the Holy Spirit

 7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - The doctrine of the Church

 8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - The doctrine of Last Things, End Times, Prophecy

**II. Lesson 1**

 **A. Theology**

 1. The term “theology” comes from the Greek words *theos* (God) and *logos* (discourse, word, [study]). Our general definition of theology is, “The study of God.” We must take into account following to refine this definition:

- Theology must be grounded in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible.

- Theology is supported by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the church (creeds, confessions, tradition).

- Theology is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the context of the church and culture.

**B. Three Main Schools of Christendom**

 1. Three traditions in Christendom:

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