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How do these truths strengthen our faith?

How do these truths help me practically?

BIBLIOLOGY (Doctrine of Scripture)

1. Bible - the book, the authoritative book

a. The Bible has 66 separate books Written over a period of about 1600 years

b. To be part of the canon

i. Authoritative, Prophetic, Accurate, Received

- **WE BELIEVE THE HOLY SCRIPTURES** (the collection of sacred writings, the approved canon)
- **OF THE OLD** (Which points forward to and is fulfilled in the NT)
- **AND THE NEW TESTAMENTS** (which reinforces the OT and points us to Christ)
- **TO BE THE VERBALLY INSPIRED** (THE WORDS are inspired)
- **WORD OF GOD** (over 1000 internal claims),
- **WHOLLY INERRANT IN THE ORIGINAL WRITING** (without error in the original copies, we have what we were intended to have)
- **INFALLIBLE** (incapable of error, trustworthy)
- **AND GOD-BREATHED** (The Spirit-moved & writers recorded God-breathed writings),

- **THE FINAL AUTHORITY FOR FAITH AND LIFE** (it is sufficient for life).

THEOLOGY PROPER (Doctrine of God)

- *He is the El – the supreme powerful One*
- *He is YAHWAH – the ever existent One*
- *He is Adonai – our Lord.*

He is **KNOWABLE** – God has taken the initiate to be known and even have a relationship with.

He is **INCOMPREHENSIBLE** – We know some things about God, but it is impossible to know all things about God.

We do know some of His perfections (His attributes)

1. **INDEPENDENCE (ASEITY)** – God’s independence of all created things
2. **IMMUTABILITY** – God’s perfect unchangeability in His being, character, purpose, and promises.
3. **ETERNALITY** – God’s endless existence is not limited by time.
4. **IMMENSITY AND OMNIPRESENCE** – God is constantly everywhere with His whole being.
5. **UNITY**– there is one God, who is indivisible.
6. **OMNISCIENCE** – Unlimited knowledge
7. **OMNIPOTENCE** - is all-powerful and able to do anything consistent with His own nature.
8. **LOVE** – God eternally gives of Himself to others

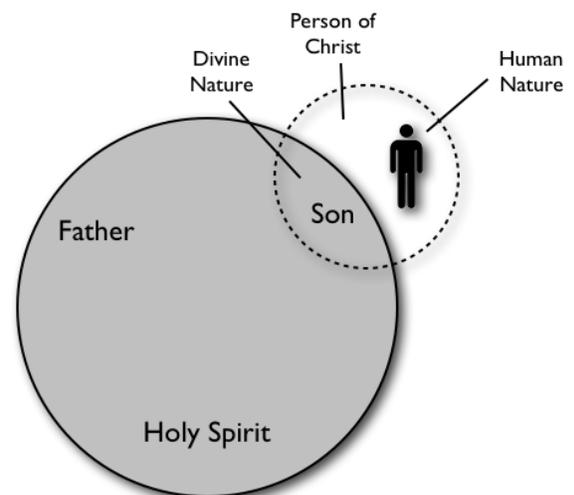
9. **WISDOM** – God is ultimately skillful, He always chooses the best goals and the best means to those goals.
10. **TRUTH AND FAITHFULNESS** – God is the standard of all truth, His Word is reliable and His infinite wisdom and knowledge are 100% accurate.
11. **HOLINESS** – God is perfectly distinct above everything outside of Himself and morally separated from sin.
12. **RIGHTEOUSNESS** – God is the final standard of what is right and He always acts in perfect absolute justice consistent with His nature.

There is one Triune God, eternally existing in three persons— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—**co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory** and having the same attributes and perfections.

CHRISTOLOGY (Doctrine of Jesus Christ)

Who is He?

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, became man, without ceasing to be God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men.



Jesus Christ, 100% God and 100% Man, **eternally existed**, was born, died, was resurrected and now eternally exists as God, at the right hand of God.

What work did He accomplish?

- Through Him all things have been created
- He sustains all things
- He accomplished our redemption **through His death on the cross** as a representative, substitutionary sacrifice in providing an unlimited atonement **for the sins of the whole world**; and that our justification is made sure by **His literal, physical resurrection** from the dead.

Where He is “now” and what He is “currently” doing?

- **We believe that** the Lord Jesus Christ **ascended to heaven** and is now exalted **at the right hand of God** where, as our **High Priest**, he fulfills the ministry of **REPRESENTATIVE, INTERCESSOR, and ADVOCATE**.

Jesus Christ, **the God-Man**, is certainly **the prominent aspect** of our belief and salvation.

- It is **supernatural**
- It is **incomprehensible**
- It is **personal**

He continues to reveal God to us and has redeemed us with His own blood.

PNEUMATOLOGY (Doctrine of the Holy Spirit)

Things that the Holy Spirit has done and still doing today.

- He was involved with creation,
- He was involved with bringing us God's Word
- He is given to us at salvation and at that point,
 - Regenerates us
 - Indwells us
 - Baptizes us
 - He is our Seal, our guarantee

To be filled by the person of the Holy Spirit

- The believer should allow himself to be filled by *means of the Spirit*.
- WHEN we are filled BY MEANS OF the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit IMPARTS HIS FRUIT INTO OUR LIVES
 - 1 Manifests His character **in the believer** (fruit of the Spirit)
 - 2 Produces true **Christian service** (spiritual gifts)
 - 2 **Reveals the truth** to us as we study the Scriptures
 - 3 **Inspires true praise and thanksgiving**
 - 4 Leads us in **an unbroken walk in the Spirit**
 - 5 Helps us **to comprehend** what we have in Christ
 - 6 Helps us **in our prayer** of intercession

(Allowing the Spirit to have control, is directly related to how we think)

Three prerequisites to being filled with the Spirit.

1. We must not **grieve** the Spirit (Eph. 4:30)
2. We must not **quench** the Spirit (1 Thess. 5:19)
3. We must **walk in** the Spirit (Gal. 5:16)

ANGELOLOGY (Doctrine of Angels)

The nature of angels - messenger or sent one

1. Angels are created beings (they are supernatural)
2. They are innumerable.
3. God did **create** a heavenly host (they are probably are not all messengers, they can be very different with different names)
 - Angels, Archangel, Cherubim, Seraphim, Heavenly host, Holy ones, Living creatures, Ministering spirits, Princes, Sons of God

Activities of angels

1. Worship God
2. They observe the people of God.
3. They perform the will of God.
4. They ministered to People
5. They protected people
6. They judged people and nations
7. They give understanding
8. They accompany Christ at His second coming.

SATAN, DEVIL

1. **SATAN** - ADVERSARY, one who withstands, opposes God.
2. **DEVIL** - FALSE ACCUSER, slanderer

- a. **HE is also called** Evil One, Serpent, Lucifer, Dragon, Beelzebul, Belial, Abaddon, Apollyon, god of this world, ruler of this world, prince of the power of the air.
- b. **2 Cor. 11:14** *transforms himself into an angel of light.*
- c. **John 8:44** *...was a murderer from the beginning, ...,FOR HE IS A LIAR and the father of it.*

What has Satan done and what is he doing?

- 1. Deceives, Accuses, Provoked, Tempts, Possesses
- 2. Empowers the Antichrist
- 3. controls a world system
- 4. blinds their minds of the unbelievers, from the gospel
- 5. Employs demons to try to defeat believers
- 6. Prowls around like a roaring lion

What is the believer's defense against satan?

- 1. Have the proper attitude toward Satan. (Jude 8–9)
- 2. Be alert to Satan's attacks (1 Pe 5:8)
- 3. Take a decisive stand (Ja. 4:7)
- 3. Put on the armor of God (Eph. 6:11–18)

DEMONS - fallen angels

WHAT DO THE DEMONS DO?

- a. They Oppose the Plan of God
- b. They Promote Idolatry
- c. Can possess people
 - i. Make people violent (Matt. 8:28, Acts 19:13-16)
 - ii. Give superhuman strength (Mark 5:4)

- iii. They torment (Mark 5:5, Acts 5:16)
- iv. Provide supernatural fortune-telling powers (Acts 16:16)
- v. Make a person mute, blind, Give seizure

ANTHROPOLOGY (Doctrine of Man)

We are **LIVING IMAGE BEARERS** of God made in His likeness.

- **God has given man** the commission **to manage the world** as His representatives.

The composition of man

- Our body is our **house**,
 - It was a good part of creation, formed from dust
 - It is now described as the sin part of man
 - It deteriorates and dies
 - For the regenerated it is the residence of the Holy Spirit
 - For the regenerated it will be redeemed and changed at the resurrection
- Our flesh is described as our **disposition to sin**
 - It is material / tissue
- Our soul is our **personhood**
 - describes the personhood, the being of a person
 - is the life-part, what makes us alive (something to do with blood)
 - is a primary part that gets saved
 - involves the emotional, moral, and spiritual,

- survives physical death and for believer's, their soul will be in the presence of God.
- Our spirit is our **life source from God**
 - originates from God
 - is required for physical life
 - leaves the body at death
- Our heart is our **control center**
 - Motivations, Attitudes, Thoughts, Actions come from the heart.
 - Belief originates from the heart
 - It is the seat of spiritual life.
- Our Conscience is **our guide**, it distinguishes between right and wrong that either afflicts or comforts
 - **4 sets of standards** by which it makes judgements
 - i. God's Word
 - ii. The work of the law written in our hearts
 - iii. Human authorities
 - iv. Personally, acquired standards
 - When we choose to do wrong, our conscience produce
 - i. A sense of guilt
 - ii. Fear of God's Judgement
- Our mind is **our source of understanding**
 - The unsaved man's mind is said to be Blinded **2 Cor. 4:4**, Defiled **Titus 1:15**, Reprobate **Rom. 1:28**, Vain **Eph. 4:17**

- The believer's mind occupies a central place in his spiritual development.
 - **Eph. 4:22-24** *renewed*, **Rom. 12:2** *transformed*, **1 Pet. 1:13** *gird up*

HAMARTIOLOGY (Doctrine of Sin)

The idea of sin is **desiring something other than God** resulting in defection against his standards or against his character.

- Missing the mark, hitting the wrong mark
- Hypocritical
- Wicked, godless (ungodly)
- Morally bad
- Lawless
- Straying or leading astray (wandering)

Human consequences of sin found in Genesis.

- They not only KNEW EVIL, they would EXPERIENCE EVIL. (purity and innocence they had vanished)
- They experienced guilt and shame and fear
- *Sorrow and Pain in child birth, desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."*
- The ground cursed, Work will be hard, Physical death

Man's relationship with God

- **Rom. 1:18** –brought the wrath of God
- **Rom. 5:10-16** – made enemies of God and are condemned

- **Matt. 25:46** – wicked will go away into eternal punishment

Three deaths

- Spiritual death, Physical death, Eternal death

Man's condition

- a. **Total Depravity** – man's whole being (body and soul) has been corrupted by the Fall
- b. **Total Inability** – man is unable to change his situation
 - He is blind, unable to please God and His understanding is darkened

SOTERIOLOGY (Doctrine of Salvation)

Soteriology from the greek word for salvation, and means deliverance, being preserved.

- Because we stand condemned (guilty) as sinners before God
WE NEED SALVATION.

God is the righteous just Judge, who judges sin, but also has made a way of salvation through His Son Jesus Christ

- We are freed from sin to do good works

AS A RESULT OF THE DEATH OF CHRIST

1. WE BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

- It is centered on Christ

- It is through faith
- By Grace
- through the blood of Christ
- We are placed in Christ
- We are pronounced justified



2. OUR GUILT IS REMOVED

3. OUR BONDAGE IS REMOVED THROUGH REDEMPTION

4. GOD'S WRATH IS REMOVED THROUGH PROPITIATION

5. ENMITY IS REMOVED THROUGH RECONCILIATION

WHY? BECAUSE GOD WANTED TO

- Because He is love and is motivated by love and to demonstrate His love
- Because He wants to, He purposed to before time began
- Because it please Him to do it.
- That GLORY and PRAISE returns to Him, in order to EXALT His name
- **Eph. 1:4,5** *He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will*

What is man's part?

Confessing, repenting, and believing are all things that will happen in a true believer.

Scripture never suggests that man is lost because he is NOT ELECTED or HAS NOT BEEN PREDESTINED;

- the emphasis of Scripture is that man is lost because he refuses to repent, he refuses to confess, he refuses to believe the gospel.

God has done everything. He asks us to believe!

ECCLESIOLOGY (Doctrine of the church)

Who are we as the church? (we become members of Gods church by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ)

AND

- We as members of the Church are **ones called by GOD**
- We as members of the Church are **subject to Christ**
- We as members of the Church are **loved by Christ**
 - **Sanctified and cleansed by Christ**
 - **nourished and cherished by Christ**

What is the purpose of the church?

1. To **GLORIFY GOD**
2. To actively **BUILD UP EACH OTHER** in the faith (maturing together)
3. To **REGULARLY MEET TOGETHER**

- a. to remember the Lord's death and resurrection
 - b. to report on what God had done.
 - c. to pray for people
 - d. to stir one another to love and good works and to encouraged one another.
 - e. to teach and admonish and equip and edify one another
 - f. to give offerings
4. We are to **BOLDLY COMMUNICATE THE GOSPEL** to the lost

We are an assembly of God called together centered on Jesus Christ

1. We become part of a **TEMPLE** that is being built up of living stones

 - a. we are to represent God well.

2. We become part of **THE BODY OF CHRIST,**
 - a. and we are to be unified, interconnected, functioning together, building each other up
3. We become part of **A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD,** set apart for God
4. We become part of a flock of **SHEEP** who hear His voice and follow the lead of the good shepherd.
5. We become part of the vine of Jesus Christ as a **BRANCH.**
 - a. to bear fruit, multiplying

6. And we become part of a beautiful well cared for **BRIDE of Christ**, who we will be reunited to, face to face when He comes to take us home.

- As the bride of Christ we need to always be ready
 - We **ALWAYS** need to be Hoping, ready for the bridegroom (watching, anticipating, active)
 - Be thoughtful of the culture around us (not get sucked in)
 - **No spots** on the Gown. **Live holy and godly lives**
 - **Knowing Him better** before we meet Him face to face
 - **Praying constantly**
 - **Remaining Faithful always**