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## Sermon – True Doctrine

Scripture – Deut 32:1-4, Prov 4:2, Mark 1:22-27, Mathew 16:6-12

### Main Message – The Song of Moses

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What is Doctrine?

Definition: A principle or body of principles presented for acceptance or belief, as by a religious, political, scientific, or philosophic group...

What is indoctrination? To impart or imbue a usually partisan or sectarian point of view or principle.

Indoctrination is not teaching.

Is Doctrine Bad? Maybe. Is Indoctrination bad? Most likely. Teaching is the art of presenting sound information to be critically evaluated and hopefully based on truth. Indoctrination is never presenting sound information to be critically evaluated even if it is based on truth. It is like when a parent says, "because I said so," which most parents deliver that response in one way or another.

It may be tempting to say, "I would rather see a child indoctrinated in truth hoping that they will one day critically evaluate what they've been told and come to the realization that it was indeed true." But that is not how indoctrination works. Indoctrination shortcuts the full critical evaluation of truth which leaves a person vulnerable when questioned about their beliefs. I believe the Bible to be the word of God and its words are the embodiment of truth. I can say that 1000 times, and maybe I have, but in so doing, have I indoctrinated you or taught you? The fully indoctrinated in any given social construct can be the most passionate believers of even a lie. Ever wonder how some people can something so completely flawed, but say it so passionately like it is completely true? There are really only two options for what that person may be. One is the embodiment of evil, and the other is embodiment of the vulnerable. Children are nearly always vulnerable, which is why the corrupt progressive mindset gets on school boards and the Board of Education. The elderly can also be quite vulnerable, which is how scammers make money. The spectrum of folks we have in the world that can distinguish real truth is diminishing. It is accomplished by the long, slow, committed process of incrementally exposing people to propaganda in order to indoctrinate a majority into non-sensical, illogical, and irrational behavior. This is why universities are filled with bunches of antisemitic protests. This is why men are able to compete in sports against women. The feeble minded have been brainwashed because they were not ever taught how to critically think and come to the real truth on their own. It is far easier to believe the lie. The puppet masters, which occasionally show up, are those we can label as evil, or perhaps evil in training and continue preaching a rhetoric in order to cripple society.

I have said this before. It is not my job to indoctrinate. It is my job to teach and challenge your understanding from a framework of wholesome desire. I am not teaching you about my desires, even though many of you may like what I say. I am teaching you about what God commands.

Here what the Bible says about Doctrine, that is good and wholesome.

**Deut 32:1-4, Prov 4:2, Mark 1:22-27**

There are as many examples of those who would teach bad doctrine. Here is an example you will all know. **Mathew 16:6-12**

So, don't rest on your laurels of being able to discern between good and evil. Impact the world with the truth which comes from only one source, The triune God in which we serve.

By the way, you should be able to feel confident in challenging the indoctrinated because the only way a lie can survive is by not exposing the light to it. YOU are that light.