

**THEOS LOGOS**  
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For a long time now, the Church of Jesus Christ has been fed what I like to call “whats”. We know all the “whats.” My mind cannot think of any “what” that you have not already heard and are familiar with. And by “what,” I mean statements of truth about God. But the “whys” are sadly missing and there is no understanding. And the knowledge of God without understanding is wasted.

The church today has been filled up to here with the knowledge, but there’s no understanding. You tell them there’s a hell, and they say sure, I know that. You tell them there’s a heaven. Of course. You tell them Christ died on the cross. Surely. You tell them anything you can think of that relates to Christianity and God and they’ve heard it all. And yet, they understand nothing. That’s where we are.

They know it all and understand none of it. And what I’m saying is they have been fed the “whats” of Christianity and theology and they have been deprived of all of the “whys.”

Say: There’s a hell. That’s a what. Someone raise their hand and say “Why is there a hell?” Gulp. Why is there a hell? Well because then Bible says so. Oh. That’s a rational answer. Now I understand why there’s a hell because the Bible says there is. That’s not a rational explanation at all. That’s our problem.

The thing toward which we should all be making a maximum effort is to understand and know. Not just know God.

There’s another scripture (he doesn’t tell where it is because he wants us to look it up). Proverbs 23:23 - *Buy the truth, and sell it not.* You mean there’s a price? Yes. You mean you’ll be offered a high price for it? Yes. Buy the truth means pay anything to have it. Don’t care what it cost. You pay the price. And then once you have purchased it at the ultimate maximum price, whatever Satan or the world offers you for it, don’t take it. See that? *Buy the truth, and sell it not.*

Another scripture says this: In all of they getting, get wisdom. (Prov 4: 7 - *Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.*) Wisdom is related to the “whys” not the “whats.” In all of they getting, get wisdom.

I think it’s very important that all of God’s people in these days in which we live understand the distinction between Biblical and scriptural. I’m going to drive that in every chance I get.

Many things today that are wrong in the church are Biblical. I don’t know that this distinction has been made anywhere in the church ever, but it’s to be made. So if it’s brand new, doesn’t mean that it’s bad or wrong.

**Biblical – means it is spoken of in the Bible; it is mentioned in the Bible. That means Biblical. Scriptural – means that it is spoke of in the Bible and it is consistent or in harmony with all other things the Bible says. If it is scriptural, it is to be believed and practiced by God’s people today.**

If it is Biblical, it may or may not be for God’s people today to believe and practice. Many things in the Bible are not for you to believe and practice. But if it is consistent with the whole of the Bible, then it is for you to believe and practice today. It is scriptural.

I know it was Proverbs. *Buy the truth, and sell it not.*

I’ve been saying these things deliberately to slide right in to what we want to say. What do we mean by wrong and right first of all? You’re wrong, I’m right. You’re right and I’m wrong. That happens both ways. Right.?

The term “wrong” ought to mean this in Christian gatherings. **Knowing, believing and acting out of harmony with God, His Person, His Purpose, and His Program.** When I’m acting, knowing and believing out of harmony with God, I’m wrong. I am right when I am **knowing, believing and acting in accord or harmony with God, His Person, His Purpose, and His Program.**

We’re going to get into that today.

What is God’s Purpose? I like to ask it this way: What is God doing in which we are painfully involved? What is God doing? It is singular. God is doing one thing. I wonder how many answers you’d get from God’s people in the world today. What is God doing?

Turn with me to Colossians 2. Last night we tried to establish the fact that the Church of Jesus Christ right now is in the worst possible kind of trouble. Hope you understand that by the Church we mean really Christ’s Church. We don’t mean false professing Christians, who are not Christians at all. They are not a part of the Church. When I say Christ’s Church, I mean real Christians. The Body of Church. Those who are truly born again. They are in trouble.

According to scripture, there are going to be many fatalities – spiritually and eternally. I believe today that if we are going to be among the survivors, those of us who are born again Christians, that we’re going to have to know some things that we don’t yet know.

My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. Hos 4:6 - *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...* That which saves God’s people from destruction is knowledge, wisdom. In all thy getting, get wisdom. These things are essential to survival. Remember what Jesus said in John 8 when He said to those Jews which believed on Him: John 8:31 - *If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed...* Disciples indeed means real Christian. Continuing in His Message. John 8:32 - *And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.* Nothing else will make you free. I don’t care how happy you are; I don’t care how joyous you are. It’s truth that will make you free. Those things will not make you free at all.

Colossians 2:8 - *Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men...* Which is human. The church today is just immersed in tradition that is of human origin and not divine origin. *after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.* The term “spoil” here means to rob you of your valuables.

What is the most valuable thing that we can possess? Knowledge and understanding of God. Remember: Jer 9:23-24 - *Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me...* That the only valuable that we have.

Talking about being robbed of your valuables – true philosophy. That’s what I want you to see. The term philosophy. I’m glad God used that particular word because we need it.

In Colossians 2:8 it says “Beware.” That means be alert. Know that this is a real possibility. Lest any man spoil you – rob you of what is valuable. Through philosophy. Vain deceit means unnecessary deception. It doesn’t have to happen, but it’s going to happen. It’s going to happen through philosophy. He shares something that happen to him in Oklahoma.

He was on the interstate coming home from an EMC conference and God communicated to him in his spirit and said: Arthur, my truth is more than doctrine. The process of his thinking was many of my brethren in the EMC and I discuss things about God in our church and he found that we were in entire agreement in the doctrinal sense. We agree doctrinally. I couldn’t understand. I know there was something different between me and them. A difference that bothered me constantly. But I had no idea what the difference was. He had a particular minister in mind that every time he discussed things with him, we were in full agreement doctrinally. And yet we were polls apart in a feeling that I could not explain. We were radically different and yet we agreed when we discussed doctrine. That’s what I was thinking about and God said Arthur my truth is more than doctrine. It shook me. I didn’t know what He meant. He began to share with me some ideas that came to my mind my understanding. I said Chris hold the wheel. My wife was with me. I said hold the steering wheel because I had to grab a scrap of paper and start writing some things down. And God will give you something sometime if you’re wanting to know something and God gives it to you and you don’t write it down right then, I assure you it’ll be gone in 5 minutes. Because that’s the way the enemy works. If God gives you something important and good, you say oh boy when I get home, I’m going to write that down. When you get home, you say oh my what was that?

As a Christian you can be working almost 24 hours a day. I don’t care what you’re doing. You can be working on the truth. And sometimes doing some kind of manual labor helps you work on the truth. It really does. That’s when the best things come. Driving a car. Washing dishes. Mowing the lawn. Playing golf. In my golf bag, there are shreds of paper with notes about God in them. Really.

God told me this and I found it to be true. Let this square here represent God’s truth. **ILLUSTRATION 3.** Which I want us to know that it means **THEOLOGY**. Means Theos Logos – a rational communication of the subject of God. That’s what theology means. And there’s no other word that will do. The word truth will not do. Truth is too broad, too vague, too nebulous.

Theology is a contraction. It is clear and unmistakable. Theos - God. Logos – rational communication of the subject prefixed. Remember that.

Truth or theology normally is viewed as a one part thing to me. Always has been. And actually it was the term “doctrine” that applied to the whole of truth. When I heard the word “doctrine,” well that’s talking about God’s truth. That’s not so. That is half of God’s truth. When God said Arthur, my truth is more than doctrine, my theology was revolutionized. It really was.

So I draw from corner to corner.

The other half of God’s truth is **PHILOSOPHY**.

I want to give you two new words.

Knowledge

The term philosophy is a term which incorporates two Greek words – “phileo” means a love in an emotional sense. And “sophos” is a Greek word that means wisdom. So the term “philosophy” is phileo sophos. Means to have an emotional love for wisdom.

The way the Church of Jesus Christ is being destroyed today is not in the area of doctrine. My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. My people are destroyed through philosophy. The term “knowledge” can apply more than to the particular area of doctrine. But it’s helped us to understand because God uses them sometimes in different ways.

Go to Colossian 2:1-3 - *For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, Now, we’re Laodicea in the spiritual sense. We are the last period of the Church’s history. Christ is going to come this period called Laodicea. There was a city by the name of Laodicea of course. But I think there is a spiritual ramification here that there is a great conflict in the mind and heart of God through the Apostle Paul for the people that He directly addressed Himself to and for those who indirectly addressed in this, you and I, in the historical period of the Church called Laodicea in Rev 3:14. and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches (valuables) of the full assurance of understanding, Look at that. to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, Until you recognize and acknowledge and understand all there is to know and understand about God. and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom (In Christ) are hid all the treasures (valuables) of wisdom and knowledge. In Christ are hid all treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*

Understand that all of God’s truth is composed of two separate distinct parts. The part called knowledge and the part called wisdom. The modern term for knowledge is doctrine. The modern term for wisdom is philosophy. Doctrine are the parts or pieces of God’s truth. And philosophy or wisdom is the accurate assembling of all the parts into an accurate single whole.

Wisdom or philosophy is the accurate assembling of all parts into an accurate single whole.

Let me tell you what wisdom always means in any application. It means you take all the facts and you incorporate them together until you see the true picture. Wisdom is being able to take all of the various pieces and see them as an accurate whole. That's a wise man. That's what wisdom is.

Whatever the parts and pieces of your private life are, if you can see them not as separate distinct things, isolated one from the other, and if you can see them in their accurate proper relationships, everything that makes your life your life, if you can see it put together right, then you will have wisdom. Very few people can see all the parts of their lives as an accurate single whole. They don't see the big picture of what's going on in their lives. They're not wise.

I want to share without turning.

Philosophy is (1) evaluation of doctrine of a truth (2) location (3) timing. The Church of Jesus Christ is being deceived and destroyed today in the area of wisdom or philosophy. Not in the area of doctrine. Understand that. We need to understand what is philosophy. Theological philosophy as it applies to the knowledge of God and the understanding of God.

Evaluation – the relative values of a doctrine.

Location – vital connection. How 2 doctrines are vitally connected together. That's a philosophical thing. That's a wisdom thing. Taking two separate pieces and putting them together right is wisdom. Taking two separate pieces of divine revelation called truth or doctrine and evaluating them as to whether one is relatively more valuable than the other. Are some doctrines of God's Word more valuable than other doctrines? That's philosophy. That's wisdom. Discerning the valuable doctrine over the less valuable doctrine. That's philosophy. That's wisdom. Once you have doctrine and wisdom, then you will have theology. You will know and understand God. If you don't know Biblical philosophy, if you don't know Christian wisdom, you do not know and understand God.

The Church today does not have theological philosophy or Biblical wisdom. They have theological doctrine. They have Biblical pieces of truth. But they are being totally deceived and destroyed through philosophy. The Church doesn't know this anymore.

Evaluation – the relative values between doctrines.

Location – the vital connection between doctrines.

Timing – occurrence in time; chronological order of doctrines. Some doctrines apply 100 years ago or 100 years in the future. Some doctrines apply 1000 years ago and don't apply now. Some doctrines apply now to God's people and did not apply to people 1000 years ago. It's a matter of timing. That's wisdom or philosophy.

Gives an illustration how Satan works. Jesus, Satan knew full well being God Incarnate in human form, would be the most difficult One of all to deceive and destroy but he had to give it his best shot. Understand? The wilderness temptation of Jesus, which we are all doctrinally familiar with. The Bible says He was in the desert 40 days and 40 nights fasting and praying. And that was the preparation period for the thrust of the ministry of Our Lord in the world about Him. It was a

preparation – a preparatory period. 40 days and 40 nights He wandered the desert eating nothing. Praying, seeking the Power and Grace of His Father in His real humanity to have a ministry in the world and in Israel.

Afterwards, Satan came to Him and He was attempting to destroy Christ through deception. Jesus was not deceivable. Thank God. Why? Because He knew and understood God. He had the knowledge of the truth. That's why He was not deceived.

Satan is a powerful master deceiver. Understand that. His best tactic was used against the Lord Jesus Christ and he has saved that tactic down to the last days of the Church to destroy the Church of Jesus Christ and he is succeeding. Not the area of doctrine but in the area of philosophy.

Satan's attack against Jesus Christ in the wilderness temptation was entirely philosophical not doctrinal at all. We think if we've got our doctrine straight, we're not deceived. We're wrong. We're totally unaware of the philosophical half of divine revelation in truth. That's true of the church today and Satan's winning. But the Church doesn't know it. He's going to see that the Church is ecstatic and happy and overjoyed.

Remember Laodicea. That is a humble, grateful, good self-assessment. There is no wickedness or evil in that at all. She weeps in gratitude and humility. We are rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing. And knowest not that thou are wretched and miserable, poor and blind and naked. Because you have everything but the one thing you need. And that's the truth. There is one thing needful. Remember. Mary. Martha. One thing needful. You don't need anything else. It's the Church's responsibility to give you the one thing you need. And I assure you the Church is giving you everything today but the one thing you need. And in a church that's trying to give their people the one thing they need, there is extreme difficulty. Because they want all the other things and not that thing.

Now, our church is that way too. We're in a great battle. And I hope we win it.

For those of you who are visitors I want you to forgive me. But this is the best church in the world today. By God's way of measuring. Not by your way of measuring. Or my way of measuring, but by God's way of measuring. I really believe that. Say oh boy preacher don't break your arm.

Paul broke his arm all the time. He was a smart elect. He just faced facts. No brag. Just facts. And if it's a brag, then God will smack him. But wait a minute, are we bragging about knowing and understanding God? If this church knows and understands God better than any other church in the world, then it's right to brag. Is that not what the Bible said a while ago in Jer 9:23-24? It's alright to brag if you brag about this, and it's true, you know and understand Me.

Wilderness temptation of Jesus. I want you to be Christians and remember you've read your Bibles a lot. What was the first thing Satan said to Jesus Christ? Matt 4:3 – If thou be the Son of God, command these rocks to be fresh warm bread. Now I'm sure he said fresh warm because he was really laying it on thick. Jesus was hungry. And the Bible says afterwards, He was an hungered. I mean that means He was hungry. And Satan said if You are what You claim to be, command these stones to be made bread. Is there anything doctrinally wrong with that? Do you believe that if

Jesus Christ was God manifest in the flesh that He had the power and the right to command the rock to become fresh bread? I believe that with all my heart. I believe every Christian says that's acceptable doctrine. Jesus can turn rocks into bread. Nothing wrong with that doctrinally. What's wrong with it? It's a philosophical error. And Jesus responded perfectly with a philosophical answer. Now what is philosophy? Evaluation, location and timing of truths. Jesus said: It is written man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. That's the answer. What He was saying is: Sure, a human needs to eat food but there is something that is far more valuable than food for the human body. And that is food for the human spirit. We feed on the Bread of Life. The Truth of God. And I'm out here feeding my soul for a preparation of a maximum ministry upon every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. Spiritual food is of far greater value than food for the body. Now that was evaluation. The first temptation of Jesus in the wilderness was a philosophical or a wisdom temptation with error and Satan tried to make food for the human body more valuable or more important than food for the human spirit. See that. That's how he's destroying you and your church and all of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Truth wrongly evaluated in the Church of Jesus Christ today. That was a philosophical temptation. Not a doctrinal temptation. The doctrine was entirely Biblical, scriptural, accurate. It's true that man needs food for his body. It's true that Jesus has the power to make rocks into bread. It's true. It's scriptural. But it is wrong to usurp the importance of spiritual of food in order to satisfy the need for physical food. It's elevating the less valuable over the more valuable. That's philosophy.

What was the next temptation? And what is the second part of philosophy? Connection – locations of doctrines in relationship. So what did Satan say to Jesus: he took Him on the highest pinnacle of the Temple about 300 feet. He highest pinnacle of the Temple, rock down below, rock pavement. And he said: If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down, in another words, jump, because it is written. He quotes Him a doctrine. God shall give His angels charge over thee. It's a prophesy of the Messiah in the Old Testament. He shall give His angels charge over thee lest at any time thou should dash thy foot against a stone. And here's what Satan is saying: Alright, if you're Jesus Christ, the true Messiah, it's 300 feet down there to those rocks, I want you to jump. Because the Bible says of the Messiah that God will give His angels responsibility over His well-being and He will not even stump His toe on a rock. The Bible says that the angel will not let Jesus stump His toe on a rock. Jesus never stumped His toe on a rock. That's interesting isn't it? Satan quoted true doctrine to the Lord Jesus Christ in order to deceive Him into sinning.

What was Jesus's answer? Do you remember? Philosophical. He rightly connected vital truths and relationship. Satan sought to separate vital truths in connection of relationship. Jesus connected them. It is written, thou shalt not tempt the Lord Thy God. And what that "tempt" there means is "a test." And Jesus quoted another scripture and brought it into direct connection and relationship with the one Satan used and Satan wanted to keep them apart. He wanted to separate these doctrines in a philosophical deception. Jesus said the Bible also says you're never to put God to that kind of a test. Hallelujah. And what would have happened had Jesus yielded that philosophical temptation to sin and jumped, He would have been killed. No doubt about it.

Let's apply that to you and I. Those two truths. The one Satan quoted and the one Jesus quoted. I believe that with all of my heart those of us who get in to the Will of God that we are immortal

until we complete God's Plan and Purpose for our lives. I cannot die until God is through with me according to His Eternal Plan. He knew one day there would be an Arthur Slye, Jr. He knew it. And He said there's a few things that I'd like for the Arthur to get done for me before He dies. And if He'll line up with me by his own will, willingness, I'll get those things done and then I'll let him die. Hallelujah. Isn't that good.

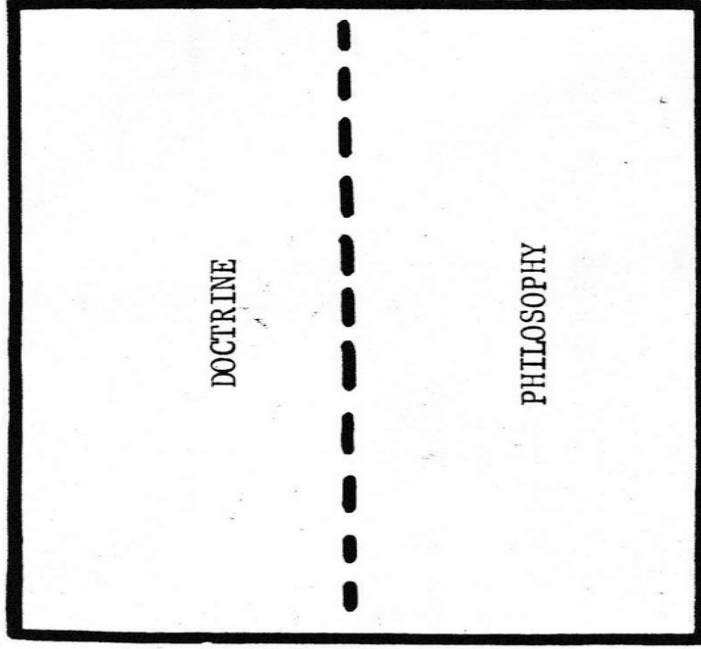
That's true. But I assure you I can walk out in front of a Mac Truck going 70 mph. I can do that and if I say well I can't die until God is through with me. I know God's not through with me today. He might be tomorrow. But He's not today. So I'm going to prove my faith and how real God's truth is, I'm going to walk out in front a truck on the freeway. Just jump out in front. To reckon it would smack me and kill me dead? Amen. Because I violated a very important doctrine that connects with the doctrine that I am immortal as long as I stay in God's Will to do it. I separate those two. So when you find connecting vital doctrines, vital connection. What we're saying here is that many of the true doctrines of the Bible when they are isolated from their companion truth, become deadly errors and they will destroy us.

You know there are Christian organizations called churches that bring rattle snakes and cotton mouth moccasins into their worship services? It's a Pentecostal group in Kentucky and some other places back there. It's in the newspaper all the time somebody gets bit. You know what they're doing? They've yielded to Satan's deception. I'm glad Jesus didn't. They believe that because the Bible says they shall speak with new tongues, they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any poisonous thing, it shall not hurt them. And they drink poison sometimes and they die. In Mark 16 it says that: they shall speak with new tongues. And they are Pentecostals so they believe they speak with tongues. And they shall take up serpents and if they drink any poisonous thing, it shall not hurt them, so they do all three, and it hurts them all the time. And Satan has got them totally deceived. And they'll perish. They're lost. He'll do it to you.

Alright, one more philosophical temptation because philosophy is 3 things as it relates to Biblical truth.



Illustration 3



TRUTH HAS TWO PARTS