

“Devoted to the Apostles’ Teaching”

Acts 2:42

Fundamentals: essential principles, foundation, core components

There is always a tendency to slip in the focus from foundational necessities; for settings to creep; to drift from the main things. That’s why we have need for recalibration.

We have tendency, as individuals and collectively, to conform to the pattern of the world – therefore recalibration is necessary and should be a regular thing for us as disciples of Christ.

Not unlike the instruction given to the church in Ephesus in Rev 2: “Go do what you did at first”

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Devotion? Devoted: To be steadfastly attentive to, to give unremitting care to a thing.

The Apostles’ teaching

- What
 - Eph 2:18-21 (apostles’ teaching the foundation)
 - 2 Peter 3:15-16 (Paul’s writings equated to scripture)
 - 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21 (All scripture is God-breathed)
 - *Btw, how do we know?*
 - The Bible is a reliable collection of historical documents; it was written by eyewitnesses during the lifetime of other eyewitnesses; events documented in the Bible took place in fulfillment of specific prophecies.

- It is filled with names, dates and places, which can be verified; It is cohesive and without contradiction or inconsistencies; It is verified by archaeology.
- Not written hundreds of years after the fact, but by eyewitnesses (early and a multitude of ancient manuscripts – earlier and more than other secular historical documents)
- Prophecies fulfilled
 - Jesus fulfilled over 300 prophecies.
 - Probability of one man fulfilling just 8 is $10^{17} = 1$ in 100 quadrillion. *Illustration

- Why

- Potency and function
 - Gen 1; Heb 4:12 (The word of God is powerful)
 - 1 Cor 1:21 (The proclaiming of it seems foolish, but has supernatural power)
 - James 1:18; Rom 10:14-15, 17 (The word brings about salvation, regeneration)
 - 2 Tim 3:16
 - For teaching: to know correct doctrine; to know God, our condition and the fix
 - For reproof: rebuke for wrong behavior
 - For correction: redirection after wrong behavior
 - For Training in righteousness: to know how to live righteously, or rightly
 - That we would grow to maturity and be equipped