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Every movement and faith in the world stands upon certain fundamentals. It is these fundamentals which give shape to the beliefs, convictions, and essential beliefs of the movement and set them apart from other movements and groups around them. These fundamentals influence every area of life and thought and behaviour, including what is acceptable and what is not acceptable to a given group. These basics are known clearly to everyone in the earlier generations via repeated emphasis, teaching, and exhortation.

However, as a group begins to age, new generations come up which have little touch with the early history, sacrifices, and teachings of the group. They are often unaware of the cost that the early generations paid to embrace the fundamental doctrines of the group which made it a unique movement, separate from other movements in the society. In turn they also forget WHY the early generations made those choices that set them apart from everyone else in the society.

While many in the human society are non conformists, in general the non conformists are an exception. The normal human nature is to conform with everyone else around, not to look different, and not separation from people around. Thus those who grow or become ignorant about their ideological or doctrinal roots will quickly find themselves drifting to the winds of what “everyone else” is doing. They forget that “everyone else” has always been doing what they are doing right now, but that the first generations of the movement to which the neo-ignorant belong had deliberately abandoned this way of life to which everyone is used to.

Why The Fundamentals Of Doctrine

You might agree that fundamental principles are essential, but then you might ask why they are important in the doctrinal realm. You might say that after all don't all Christians believe in the Bible. That is a fair question, and we need to explore it by asking a problem question: “Do they all believe the SAME thing about the Bible?”. The answer is, NO! They all

do not believe the same thing about the Bible, though they all claim to be Christians.

For example, the Unitarian Universalist church had its origin in Poland, Transylvania, England, Wales and the United States and they claim to be a part of the Protestant Movement. However, they reject fundamental doctrines like original sin, predestination, and the infallibility of the Bible. They also reject the doctrine of Trinity and many other essentials of the Christian faith. Yet they claim to be Bible-believing Christians. Thus it is not right to claim that ALL Christians believe in the Bible. Rather one should know exactly WHAT everyone believes, and also exact what a Bible-believing Christian should stand for. That is the reason why we feel the need to issue a series titled The Fundamentals.

Various Beliefs

Going away or falling away from divine truths is a common human phenomenon. It is motivated by human sin nature that everyone inherits at the moment of conception. The world, the flesh, and the devil make sure that such falling away from faith is

accelerated. As a result, many groups have come up among Christians who NO LONGER believe in the Bible, but who claim to be Christians. One should know about them, lest one be trapped by their persuasive philosophies and arguments. Some of these groups are:

Theological Radicals: They claim to be Christians, but they totally and completely reject the history of creation, trinity, human sin nature, salvation by grace, Christ as the only Saviour, and Bible as Holy Spirit inspired. In fact they reject ALL the fundamentals of the Christian faith.

Neo Orthodox: They claim to be Christians, but they totally and completely reject the history of creation, trinity, human sin nature, salvation by grace, Christ as the only Saviour, and Bible as Holy Spirit inspired. In fact they reject ALL the fundamentals of the Christian faith. The radicals also reject all these doctrines, but they honestly and openly reject them. The Neo Orthodox, on the other hand, reject all these in a dishonest manner. Actually they change the definition of Jesus, Word of God, Salvation, and every cardinal doctrine and they profess to believe in these

cardinal doctrines, which have no resemblance to anything to biblical doctrines. Thus their Jesus is only a “jesus-concept” not the historical Jesus of the Bible.

Neo Evangelical: They claim to be evangelicals or people who believe in the four solas (sola scriptura, sola fide, sola gratia, solus Christus), but they indirectly reject all of them by completely and totally rejecting the history in the books of Genesis. They use the term ‘Evangelical’ in their name only to get a wider acceptance but by rejecting the book of Genesis they reject their claim to be evangelicals of any sort. That is why they label themselves deceptively as NEO or ‘new’ Evangelical.

Evangelical: The evangelicals accept the four solas (Bible alone, grace alone, faith alone, Christ alone) but show some hesitation in accepting the doctrine of creation. They do not outright reject creation like the Neo Evangelicals, but they do not affirm it with sufficient emphasis or clarity. Many of them believe in evolution. Some believe in Theistic Evolution, the idea that God used evolution to create man.

Conservatives or Fundamentalists: The word fundamentalist is used in a bad sense by some but basically this word means a person who has a healthy commitment to the fundamentals of a group. The same is the meaning of Conservative. Conservatives/fundamentalists believe in all four solas (Bible alone, faith alone, grace alone, Christ alone) and also in the doctrine of creation, and all the other fundamental doctrines.

Do Not Fall Into A Wrong Group

Unless one knows the Fundamentals, one will be confused in every area of spiritual life. Consider the following:

- Without the fundamentals one cannot know what is sin and what is salvation
- Without the fundamentals one cannot know how to be saved.
- Without them one cannot know what to do and what not to do once one is saved.
- Without them one cannot find the difference between worldly good and spiritual good.

- Without them one cannot make decisions that are pleasing to God.

Who Are People Who Believe In The Fundamentals

People who believe in the Fundamentals are people who wish to preserve the “heritage” that they have received from the earlier generations of a given moment. It is the earlier generations that decided that “flowing with the current” was not the right thing to do. They rejected assimilation with the world. Rather, they stood for the fundamentals of the Scripture, and the writers of this series stand for such truths. In the coming days we hope to release as many as 100 ebooks with topics of fundamental and vital importance.

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- The Bible Canon
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- Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Filling of the Holy Spirit
- Doctrine of Trinity
- Salvation for all
- Salvation by Grace
- Justification by Faith
- Christ as the Only Savior
- Sola Scriptura
- Human Origins
- Human Destiny
- Bible and Evolution
- Anthropology/Doctrine of Man
- Biblical Sociology
- Separation from the World
- Christian Holiness
- Sainthood of Belivers
- Priesthood of Belivers

Please Join The Crusade For Rebuilding

Conservative, or Fundamentalists are the REAL Christians because only they uphold the fundamentals. Everyone who is born-again is a child of God, and we love them. HOWEVER, not everyone has the same commitment. That is the point of difference. We invite you to become a Christian committed to the Fundamentals. We also invite you to SPREAD these books far and wide. Join the revival.

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