

Doctrines Every Christian Should Know

1. Introduction & Why

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2. Meldenius Quote: “In essentials **unity**, in nonessentials **liberty**, and in all things **charity**”

3. Terms

- **Doctrine** is from the Greek word *didache* which means to teach. (2 Tim 3:16)
- Primary or **Essential** Doctrines
 - These doctrines are those teachings and beliefs which are at the very **center** of Christendom, and without a belief in these one **cannot** be a true follower of Christ.
 - MacArthur’s 5 Point Criteria
 - The Question of Need?
 - The early Church and the development of creeds which are **statements of belief**. (1 Cor 15:3-8)
 - The **Apostle’s** Creed is an early example of the Church’s attempt to clarify questions about the Christian Faith.
 - The **5** solas – Latin meaning “**alone**”
 - Sola **Scriptura**, meaning in scripture alone.
 - Sola **Fide**, meaning by faith alone.
 - Sola **Gratia**, meaning by grace alone.
 - Solus **Christus**, meaning in Christ alone.
 - Soli Deo **Gloria**, meaning to the glory of God alone.

