

SERIES: Marks of a Healthy Church
“Mark #2- Biblical Theology”

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- Biblical theology (or sound doctrine) emphasizes **what** we are taught.

Where Is It In the Bible?

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- The NT authors frequently taught that sound doctrine was essential for healthy Christians and healthy churches. (1 Tim. 1:5; 2 John 1-6; Titus 2:1-10)

Why Is It important?

- Sound doctrine is important for...
 - **Evangelism**- The gospel *is* doctrine, so sound teaching is necessary for evangelism.
 - **Discipleship**- Christians grow by learning and living in light of the truth of God's word.
 - **Unity**- According to the New Testament, the only true unity is unity in the truth.
 - **Worship**- To worship God is to declare his excellencies (1 Pet. 2:9-10) and to exalt him because of who he is (Ps. 29:2). True worship is a response to sound doctrine.
- Sound doctrine is important because...
 - It helps the church recognize false **teachers**.
 - It helps Christians reject false **teaching**.

What Does the Bible Teach Us About God?

- The God of the Bible is a **creating** God.
- The God of the Bible is a **holy** God.
- The God of the Bible is a **faithful** God.
- The God of the Bible is a **loving** God.
- The God of the Bible is a **sovereign** God.

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