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Doctrine About God

The Scriptural Relationship Between God's Justice and Mercy

- God is just and does not leave sin unaddressed — **2 Thessalonians 1:6-9; 2 Corinthians 5:9-11**
- God is merciful — **1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9; Exodus 34:6-7; James 2:13**
- God is both just and the justifier — **Romans 3:21-26**
- Result — faithfulness, godliness, sanctification, diligence, etc.

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God is All...?

- Many speak in extremes: God is all grace, mercy, love, goodness, etc.
- These unscriptural views dramatically shape lives for the worse — **Jude 4** (grace); **Romans 2:4** (goodness); **1 John 4:17-19; 5:3** (love)
- God is not “all...”, He is both — **Romans 11:22** — the goodness and severity of God.

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Doctrine About Scripture

Scripture's Self-Claim and Confirmation

- Scripture claims inspiration and sufficiency — **2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21**
- Scripture was confirmed through miracles — **Hebrews 2:3-4; Mark 16:20; 1 Cor. 14:37; 2 Cor. 12:11-12**
- Result — **Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22; 2 Timothy 2:15**

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Doctrine About Scripture

Scripture Itself is Insufficient?

- Some say the Bible is a good book, but it is not inspired.
- Some say the Bible is inspired, but act as though it is insufficient in itself:
 - Sign seekers — **Luke 16:27-31**
 - Holy Spirit assistance — **2 Timothy 3:16-17;**
Ephesians 3:3-4
 - Institutional guidance — **Matthew 15:1-9**

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Doctrine About Salvation

The Scriptural Chronology of Salvation

- Salvation as an event in the past — **Titus 3:4-6**
- Salvation as a present process — **1 Cor. 1:18; 15:2; Philippians 2:12**
- Salvation as an event in the future — **Romans 5:9-10; 13:11**

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The Scriptural Chronology of Salvation

- Saved in the past, lost in the present — **Acts 8:20-23**
- Saved in the past, in the process presently, only to depart and be lost in the future — **2 Timothy 4:10**
- Saved in the past only to be lost for eternity — **Jude 5**
- Saved in the past, in the process presently, and will be saved finally in the end — **1 Thessalonians 4:23-24**
- Result — **1 Corinthians 10:12**

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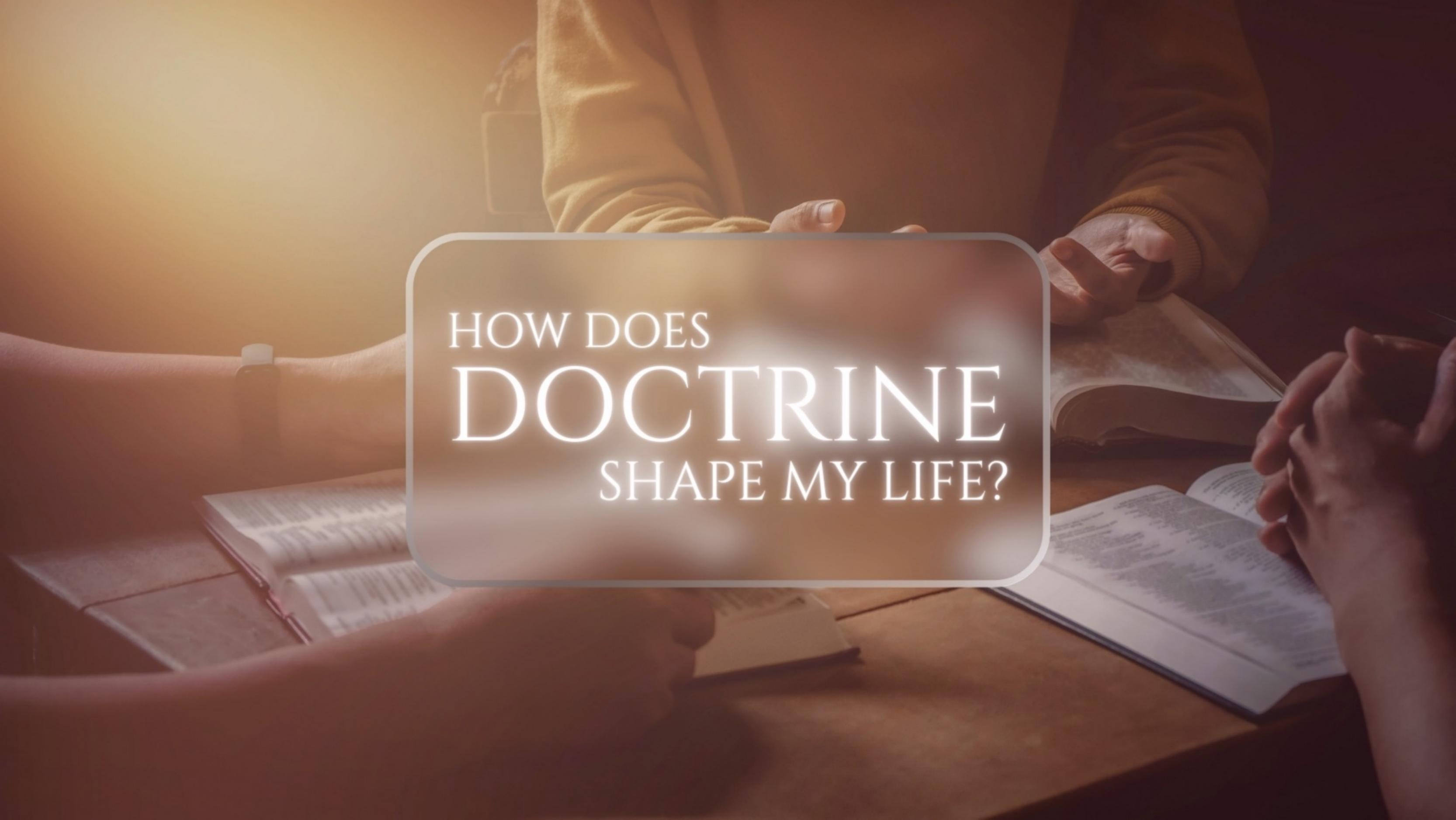
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Doctrine About Salvation

Once Saved, Always Saved?

- There is a difference in conduct between one who thinks salvation is completed, and one who knows that Christ is coming to judge even His own (**cf. Hebrews 10:30**):
 - **1 Corinthians 4:8** — they thought they arrived, but the epistle addresses all kinds of sin problems.
 - **2 Peter 3:14** — faithful Christians are to be diligent and holy knowing the Lord is coming back for judgment.



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