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EXPLANATORY

The word "doctrine" means teaching. It occurs six times in the Old Testament and forty-nine times in the New Testament. It is a good word and one not to be feared. The church is suffering from the neglect of her own excellent doctrine, and the world is rushing on to ruin because there are few to proclaim God's message and show what the Bible teaches on vital themes. Many are depreciating doctrine and are substituting other things, some of which are good in their place but none of which are good as substitutes.

This book has grown out of the author's personal ministry of the Word. The object is to present the essential doctrines of the Bible in the simplest manner so that the ordinary Christian, if he will, may grasp them and become efficient in Christian work. Those doctrines are emphasized which will show the sinner his need of salvation, save him, and bring him into the victorious Christian life. The assumption is that the church of God has not been kept in ignorance of God and of His way of salvation and His doctrine for eighteen hundred years; hence we seek to emphasize old truth rather than to follow the so-called advanced knowledge, the new ideas, and the modern fads, whether they appear under the name orthodoxy or not.

We believe that the plan of the book is different from that of any other on the subject. The desire is to help busy people who wish to know how to work for the Lord. Since it is not a complete book of doctrines, but a presentation of Bible doctrine from the Christian worker's standpoint, a few important doctrines have been omitted, for lack of proper space, while others have been treated more fully than in ordinary cases. For example, there are twenty-one articles on sin and its penalty, and they are treated quite fully. Many of them are longer and fuller than was at first intended since, in the process of writing, it seemed best to make each fairly complete. The subjects are chosen with reference to the need of the Christian worker.

No apology is offered for repetitions. They exist, but they are used in different connections and seem to be necessary. May they be helpful in fixing the facts firmly in the mind and

heart.

Appendix.—At the earnest request of friends, an article on the Doctrine of God has been added. This is not complete, but it will at least prove His personality and show His attributes and something of His work. In doing this a method has been employed, original as far as we know, of grouping together the attributes of each Person of the Trinity, thus showing each attribute of each glorious Person, side by side. This is placed in an appendix, not because of any less value attached to it, for it is of prime importance, but simply because it does not fit into the general plan of the book.

The book is divided into six sections: I. The Bible and Christian Work; II. Sin; III. Salvation; IV. The Christian

Life; V. Excuses; VI. Appendix.

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