



UNITY: THE FORGOTTEN TREASURE

ETC Course Handout - Lesson 9

Our Scriptural Anchor

Course Section	Section 2 - A Reconstruction of Our Theological Conclusions
Book Connection	Chapter 8 - Anchored to the Scriptures
Lesson Aim	Use Scripture itself as the shared anchor for theological learning and disagreement.

Key Scriptures

Matthew 22:23-33; Acts 17:10-12; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:105.

1. The Anchor Is God's Word

- The safest path through theological conflict is deeper submission to Scripture, not louder confidence in our own opinions.

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2. Jesus' Defense of the Resurrection

- Jesus answers theological opposition by bringing His hearers back to what God has said.
- His method shows that truth and correction can be redemptive rather than merely combative.

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THINK ABOUT IT

When challenged, do you first reach for a theological label, a favorite teacher, or the biblical text itself?

3. The Redemptive Filter

- A redemptive approach asks how a passage relates to God's saving purpose and the Gospel.
- This helps keep isolated interpretations from displacing the Bible's central message.

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4. Two Approaches to Theological Training

- Training can begin with a completed system and teach students to defend it, or it can teach students to examine Scripture carefully and form conclusions under its authority.

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5. The Berean Approach

- The Bereans listened eagerly and examined the Scriptures to see whether what they heard was true.
- Their example combines openness with discernment.

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Study & Application

Use these after the lesson and related book reading. The complete chapter study-question set remains in the textbook.

1. How did Jesus use Scripture when confronting an erroneous theological conclusion?

2. What makes the Bereans a useful model for theological learning?

3. How does a redemptive/Gospel filter protect the center of Christian truth?

4. What difference would it make if theological training emphasized investigation before system defense?

KEY TAKEAWAY: Scripture provides common ground where believers can listen, test, learn, and be corrected together.

Next: Complete the 7-question Lesson 9 online quiz.