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Doctrines that are Contrary

- ▶ Predestination (God's Sovereignty)
 - ▶ **Joshua 24:15** – We choose to serve the Lord or not
 - ▶ **Acts 17:30** – If it is predetermined by God, how can he command all men to repent?

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- ▶ Predestination (God's Sovereignty)
 - ▶ If predestination is true...
 - ▶ Infants can be condemned to hell, because eternity has been predetermined
 - ▶ I am who am because God made me that way

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- ▶ Predestination (God's Sovereignty)
 - ▶ If predestination is true...
 - ▶ I can live however I please because eternity has been predetermined for me

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- ▶ Once Saved, Always Saved
 - ▶ **Hebrews 6:4-6** – One once enlightened can fall away
 - ▶ **Galatians 5:4** – Some had fallen from grace

Doctrines that are Contrary

- ▶ Once Saved, Always Saved
 - ▶ If once saved always saved is true...
 - ▶ I can live how I want and do what I want because I cannot lose my salvation
 - ▶ Those who have been saved and turn to extreme immorality will go to heaven

Doctrines that are Contrary

- ▶ Subjective truth
 - ▶ **John 8:32** – You shall know the truth
 - ▶ **Ephesians 5:17** – We are to understand what the will of the Lord is
 - ▶ **1 Corinthians 4:17** – Teach the same thing everywhere in every church

Doctrines that are Contrary

- ▶ Subjective truth

- ▶ If truth is subjective...

- ▶ I can believe what I want, and you can believe what you want, because there is no fixed objective truth

- ▶ I can pick and choose what commands I want to follow because it is subjective

Still, why does it matter?

- ▶ **1 Corinthians 15:33** – Evil company corrupts
- ▶ **2 Timothy 4:1-3** – There will come a time when they will no longer endure sound doctrine
- ▶ **Titus 1:9-16** – Subvert whole households teaching things they should not



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