

Series: Sound Doctrine

Title: Is Our Church a Place of Sound Doctrine?

Text: (Titus 1:9-11) (2 Tim 4:1-2)

As a born again, blood bought, child of God I count it a privilege and an honor to be a member of, and serve God in, one of his New Testament Bible believing, Baptist churches.

Being a member of 1 on God's churches, must be something that will develop us as Christians, & will be evidenced by our growth In our active support both Spiritually and financially.

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(Titus 1:9) SO What is Sound Doctrine?

Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

Sound~Right; correct; well founded; free from error; orthodox.

Doctrine~ the principles & truths taught by Christ, the Prophets, & his Apostles.

GAINSA'YER~One who contradicts or denies what is Taught; an Opposer.

Sound Doctrine = Correct Bible Teaching.

(Titus 1:10-11) Tells us why Sound Doctrine is Necessary.

For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: 11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert

whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

We are to Teach Truth, Expose Error, & Correct False Teaching w/ Sound Doctrine.

(2 Tim 4:1-4) The Need for Sound Doctrine has always been, and always will be.

If Our Church is to be pleasing to God, we must Stand on Sound Doctrine.

We do that by standing on God's Holy, Inspired, Inerrant, Preserved Word.

The KJV Bible.

I make no apologies as to my convictions regarding the Veracity of the KJV Bible.

To have **Sound Doctrine**, Our beliefs must not only be founded **ON** the word of God, they must also be found **IN** the word of God.

The Bible contains the...

Mind of God,
The State of Man,
The Way of Salvation,
The Doom of Sinners,
The Happiness of Believers.

Its Doctrines are True,
Its Precepts are Binding,
Its Histories are Accurate,
Its Decisions are Immutable.

Its Imperative that we...

Read it to be Wise,
Believe it to be Safe,
Practice it to be Holy.

It contains Light to Direct you,
Food to Support you,
Comfort to Cheer you.

It is the Traveler's Map,
the Pilot's Compass
the Soldiers Sword,
the Christian's Character.

Here in, Paradise is Restored,
Heaven Opened,
The Gates of Hell Disclosed.

Christ is the Subject,
Our Good Its Design
Glory of God its End.

Read it Slowly, Frequently, Prayerfully.

It is a Mine of Wealth,
a Paradise of Glory,
a River of Pleasure.

It will reward the greatest labor & condemn who ever trifles with its contents.

The Bible refers to itself as..

Scriptures: (John 13:18; 17:12; 19:24)

Word of God: (Heb 4:12)

Old & New Testaments - Testament~Covenant

Oracles of God: Place where it was treasured/preserved

The Law of the Lord: (Ps 119:1)

Testimonies: (Ps 119:2)

A solemn declaration or affirmation made for
the purpose of establishing or proving some fact

Ways: (Ps 119:3)

Precepts: (Ps 119:4)

Statutes: (Ps 119:5)

Commandments: (Ps 119:6)

Judgements: (Ps 119:7)

5 Key Words to Understand:

Revelation, Inspiration, Preservation, Translation, Interpretation

I. Revelation: speaks of the Supernatural Origin of the Word of God.
Definition~**Revelation**~ *the Unveiling of that which has been previously unknown.*

(God Revealing Himself to Man)

The Act of God, the Holy Spirit, imparting to the bible writers, truth; incapable of being discovered by Man's unaided reason. (Eph 3:3-6)

Truth that was unknown & unknowable to man accept God had chosen to reveal it.

(1 Cor 2:9-10) revealed unto us by His Spirit.

Angels, Vision, the Voice of God.

I. Revelation is Necessary for us to know anything about God, other than that which can be determined from nature.

II. Inspiration: ~GOD Breathed

Inspiration: Supernatural Documentation

The NT Word **Inspiration** means the same thing as the OT Word **Inspiration**.

Inspiration is the Work of the Holy Spirit that enables man to write down the Truths as God has revealed them.

(Job 32:8) *the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.*

(2 Tim 3:16-17) "*inspiration of God*" - God Breathed- "*theopneustos*"

Inspiration Defined:

By “*Inspiration*” we mean the Holy Spirit moved human writers of the bible “*in such a way*” that they recorded the very words and sense of God, though couched in their own literary style.

There are 5 facets of Inspiration that we need to be aware of, in order to understand the super natural nature of God’s word.

1. **Confluent Inspiration:** The scripture is a product of two agents, Human and Divine.

1. “*In Such A Way*”

- inspiration is a phenomenon, a mystery.
- The product of Human/Divine involvement

2. (2 Peter 1:21) How Inspiration Works

1. Human Penmanship: “*holy men of God spake*”

2. Divine Authorship: “*moved by the Holy Ghost*”

“*moved*” - *Carried along, like a ship driven by wind*

A Supernatural Miracle

2. **Verbal Inspiration:** The vary words are inspired.

(1 Cor 2:13) *Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

(Deut 6:6; Deut 11:18)

Inspiration extends to the vary Letter (jot) and parts of letters (tittle). (Matt 5:18)

This is why we get a little bent out of shape when words are changed or deleted.

Some words in English have NO Synonym.

3. **Plenary Inspiration:** Inspiration extends to all parts equally.

All the the bible, every part of it, is equally inspired.

(2 Tim 3:16) *All scripture is given by inspiration of God*

4. **Inerrant Inspiration:** With out error in it’s recording, or was written down correctly in every detail

The divine message was given and recorded accurately.

(Heb 6:18b) God cannot Lie. (Titus 1:2c)

5. **Infallible Inspiration:** Is w/o error in it’s teachings.

It is incapable of teaching deception.

(Ps 119:160) *Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever;* (John 17:17) *Thy Word is Truth.*

Christ & Christianity Rise & Fall with the Bible.

(Ps 138:2) *for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.*

This is why the bible is constantly attacked.

The Devil has introduced False Doctrine, that can only be exposed & corrected by the Truth of God’s Word

The Bible Proves Itself with Internal Evidences for Inspiration

1. **Details of events beyond Human knowledge:**

Creation, the words of Satan, Thoughts of people’s heart: No human could know about.

2. **It is a book of remarkable unity:**

66 Books, 40 Authors, 1600 years, 3 Languages, 3 Continents, separated by station in life, yet Without Errors, Contradictions, or Mistakes.

The bible speaks of controversial subjects with unity.

3. **The Supernatural doctrines of the Book:**

The Doctrine of God

The Doctrine of Man

The Doctrine of Sin

4. Fulfilled Prophecy: 2/3 of the bible is prophecy.

100's prophecies in just the birth & life of Christ.

21 prophecies fulfilled in just one 24 hour period.

The External Evidences for Bible Inspiration:

The Bible's Transforming Results

The Bible's Inexhaustible Treasure

The Bible's Honored Promises

The Bible's Mystery to the Unregenerate Mind

The Bible's Unique Adaptability to Translation

(recap)

I. **Revelation:** The Act of God, the Holy Spirit, imparting to the bible writers, truth, incapable of being discovered by Man's unaided reason.

II. **Inspiration:** The Holy Spirit moved human writers of the bible "in such a way" that they recorded the very words and sense of God, though couched in their own literary style.

III. **Preservation:**

Many Christians believe in the Inspiration of the Bible "In the Original Manuscripts". **BUT**

We don't have the original manuscripts.

They have long since been lost to Time and Decay.

We have to ask ourselves 4 questions:

Is the bible intended for every man, or just the Scholars

Do we have to know Greek/Hebrew to fully understand the bible?

If some of the verses in the bible are questionable in their translation, can we really be sure of any?

Does the average "3 year bible college" greek student have the scholastic right to correct the bible based on their understanding of the Greek and Hebrew text.

Divine Inspiration, coupled with Divine Preservation = Assurance that we HAVE God's word.

The Doctrine of Biblical Preservation: (Ps 12:6-7)

1. The Extent of preservation - "Words".
2. The Agent of preservation - "Thou" - God, Himself
3. The Period of preservation - "For Ever".

(Ps 33:11) *The counsel of the LORD (refers to the Word of God) standeth for ever; the thoughts of his heart to all generations.*

(Ps 100:5c) "and his truth endureth to all generations."

(Ps 11:7-8) "Stand fast For ever and ever."

(Ps 119:89,152,160) forever Settled, Founded, Enduring

(Ps 146:6) Preservation falls within the providence of God's Omnipotence.

(Is 40:8b) but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

(Is 59:21) *As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.*

Inspiration - "My Words"

Preservation - "for ever"

(Matt 24:35) New Testament Preservation

(Matt 28:19-20) The Commission is for ever.

(Luke 16:17) *And it is easier for heaven & earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail.*

(Luke 21:33) *Heaven & Earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.*

(John 10:35b) Refers to the unchanging nature of the Word of God.

(John 12:47-48) The words of the Lord are the basis of salvation
(2 Tim 3:15-16)

1. Timothy is said to **have** the scriptures.

2. Timothy did *Not* have the original autographs.
3. The copies Timothy had access to are called “**Scriptures**” are said to be “*inspired*”.

(1 Peter 1:23,25)

1. Incorruptible - *the promise of continued purity.*
2. Lives Forever- *the promise of continued effectiveness* (Heb 4:12)
Quick~Alive
3. Abideth Forever.
4. Endureth Forever.

Preservation of the Scriptures is based squarely upon the Promise of God, & falls within the realm of His Providence. (Is 46:9-11)

The Logic of Preservation: (Ecc 3:14) *I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.*

Revelation, Inspiration, Preservation, & Translation

IV. Translation: The Work of Man, to render from the original language to a different language; to express the sense of one language in the words of another.

V. Interpretation: The Work of Man, guided by the Holy Spirit. (John 16:13) *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

I believe that WHAT we Believe Matters.

I Believe that Sound Doctrine can only be found in Correct Bible Teaching.

I believe we are also obligated to share that truth with others.

(2 Cor 4:13) *We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;*

I make no apologies as to my convictions in regard to the basic Bible premise that God has established this local church, and that we all must be apart of this called out body of baptized believers.

The New Testament teaches the church began during the earthly ministry of Christ, when he called and ordained the 12 apostles. (1 Cor 12:28)

His churches has continued in perpetuity in every century from that time until the present our.

Sound Doctrine was Delivered to Sound Churches:

The NT teaches that the Church is the Local, visible, called out assembly of Baptized believers that have covenanted to carry out the Great Commission.

(1 Thes 2:13) *For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*

(Jude 1:3) *the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*

Sound Doctrine is Demanded by Sound Churches:

(Titus 1:13-14) *This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; 14 Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.*

(Titus 2:1) *But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:*

Sound Doctrine is to be Defended by Sound Churches:

(2 Tim 2:15) *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. 17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; 18 Who concerning the truth have erred,*

saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

(2 Tim 4:2) Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

(Jude 1:3-4) Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. 4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Departing from Sound Doctrine Creates Unsound Churches:

(1 Tim 4:1-3) Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

(2 Tim 4:3-4) 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Sound Doctrine is being Denied in Unsound Churches:

(2 Pet 2:1-3) But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. 3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

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