

**REMINDER...Business Meeting
Next Sunday...2:30 p.m.**

**Thank you, Randall Jarrell!
Speaker for today**

Most of us can Relate!

“It ain't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand.” Mark Twain

“Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” Ephesians 5:17 (Apostle Paul by inspiration)

April Birthdays

3 Amanda Hoffman 6 Susan Hudson
16 Alana Hudson 23 Shannon Hudson
30 Aaron McCollum 30 Margaret Graddon

April Anniversaries

19 Bill & Kena Brown

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
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Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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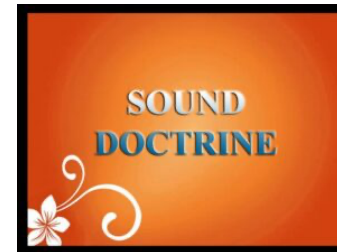
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Sound Doctrine According to Godliness
We Must Preach Sound Doctrine According to Godliness
By Kevin Cauley

One of Satan's great tricks is to get men to despise doctrine. Many erroneously think that doctrine implies some kind of sanctimony or mere show of devotion. The truth is just the opposite. Those who observe doctrine are the ones who are sincere and faithful. The English word doctrine comes from the Latin word *doctrina*, which means "teaching." The Greek word *didaskalia* means teaching, instruction, or training. Christianity is a religion of doctrine, and the doctrine must be observed. This is why one of the first things mentioned about the behavior of new Christians is: *“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching (doctrine) and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers.”* (Acts 2:42).



Preaching with little to no doctrinal content is not preaching, but pandering to the whims of fickle humans who enjoy a good story more than they do the truth of the gospel. Consider Paul's description of those who do not consent to doctrine: *“If any man teacheth a different doctrine, and consenteth not to sound words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; he is puffed up, knowing nothing, but*

doting about questionings and disputes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, wranglings of men corrupted in mind and bereft of the truth, supposing that godliness is a way of gain” (1 Timothy 6:3-5).

To forsake doctrine is to be proud and to know nothing. Those who do so give rise to envy, strife, and wranglings. In other words, they create divisions. These, says Paul, are corrupt in mind and empty of the truth. Do not let the preacher, or anyone for that matter, withhold the doctrine that is according to godliness. Remind him that his job is to uphold the sound doctrine of Jesus Christ.

It Is Not a Ritual, It Is a Path to Holiness

By Dan Jenkins

Because it happens every week, it is easy for the partaking of the Lord’s Supper to become somewhat of a religious ritual and we fail to understand the part it plays in our spiritual growth. The abuse of this feast in Corinth brought dire consequences. *“For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep”* (1 Corinthians 11:30). If one does not remember Jesus and discern His body as he partakes of the bread and cup, he eats and drinks damnation to his soul.

In the New Testament we remember Him, but in the Old Testament they remembered their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. From the time the Sabbath was given until the close of the Old Testament, there was not a weekly assembly, but a time when the Jews, their families, their Gentile neighbors, and even their animals stopped all activity and spent that day thinking about God delivering them from bondage. Tragically, by the time of the New Testament, it had become a day which involved the precise distance one could walk on that day, whether it was sinful to walk through a field of grain and eat the wheat in that field as they walked. It had become a day where one could water his donkey

and help his ox get out of a ditch, but the Messiah was forbidden to heal on that day. It was so ritualistic that keeping the rites of that day became a symbol of righteousness!

The failure to keep that day holy by remembering their deliverance from Egypt was a primary reason for the Babylonian captivity that lasted seven decades. God described it this way: *“Her priests have violated My law and have profaned My holy things...and they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths, and I am profaned among them”* (Ezekiel 22:26). The sabbath was holy and so is the Lord’s supper.

So, what happens to us as we remember, not the sabbath, but the Lord in His feast? Peter described those who were failing to add the “Christian Graces” to their faith when he says, *“For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten he was cleansed from his old sins”* (2 Peter 1:9). The Lord’s Supper is a weekly reminder of how He purged us from our sins and delivered us from the bondage of sin. It is a time we examine ourselves as we visit the cross. The Lord wanted Israel to remember deliverance from the bondage of Egypt every week and gave them a memorial day to ensure their spiritual growth. The Lord wants us to remember our deliverance from the bondage of sin every week and has given us a memorial feast to ensure our spiritual growth.

As you eat the bread and drink of the cup, never let it become a ritual. But let it be that time when you commune with Him around His table and visit the cross of our salvation.

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.” 1 Corinthians 11:26