

The Bulletin

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“Sound In The Faith”

By Ken Weliever



The late Robert Jackson was one of my mentors as a young preacher. He used to preach a sermon in meetings he called “Put Your Finger on the Passage.”

As I recall, Robert would introduce ideas that folks had about the Bible, some accurate and some inaccurate, and then say, “Put your finger on the passage.”

He would then open the Bible and read what God said about the issue. Whether the topic was salvation, worship, or the church, Robert’s challenge was simple: Put your finger on the passage. If the Bible taught it, embrace it. If Scripture did not support it, reject it.

This was Robert’s way of underscoring an old Restoration plea for Bible authority often echoed in the phrase, “Give me book, chapter, and verse.” This slogan and Robert’s sermon have a scriptural basis in the use of the word “sound” in Paul’s epistles.

In his letters to Timothy and Titus, Paul often uses the word “sound” to identify the importance and accuracy of truth. “Sound doctrine” (1 Timothy 1:10). “Sound in the faith” (Titus 2:2). “Sound words” (2 Timothy 1:13). “Sound speech” (Titus 2:8). “Sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7).

In years past, I’ve heard the word “sound” used to ask, “Is this a sound church?” Often, the definition of “sound” was narrowed to one or two prominent issues in the brotherhood. Those matters may be important, but the biblical concept of soundness is much broader than a single issue or area of concern.

The word “sound” means healthy. Thayer says it means “to be well, to be in good health.” It is used metaphorically to speak of spiritual health.

A physician does not determine a person’s health by examining only one part of the body. Likewise, God does not measure spiritual health by one isolated doctrine or practice. Just as physical health depends on a variety of factors, so does spiritual health.

Too often, we define our spirituality by what we don’t do. How we’re not like the world. Or we may look at a church and compare it to another church that is not following the Bible.

However, being spiritually healthy is not defined simply by the absence of error or sin, but by what we do. How are we living? Not just what we believe, but what we practice. It digs deeper into motives. It examines the condition of the spiritual heart.

It is possible to be sound in our arguments and unsound in our attitudes. It is possible to defend truth while failing to demonstrate the love, humility, and compassion that truth produces.

“Sound doctrine” and “sound teaching” must obviously be based on Scripture. I’ve heard people say they visited a church where the preacher never read a single Bible verse. How can such teaching be healthy?

I’ve had people justify doctrinal positions not found in the Bible by saying, “Well, that’s our tradition.” How is that healthy?

Often, churches change positions on moral issues, arguing that society has changed and the practice is no longer accepted. But if the practice violates Scripture, isn’t that unhealthy?

Views on marriage have shifted dramatically in my lifetime. But has the Bible changed? Do the prevailing practices socially approved conform to “sound doctrine”?

Furthermore, a church may be called “sound” not merely because it conforms to a few commonly discussed issues, but because it teaches, preaches, and practices what the Bible says in all areas. Sadly, some churches are sound asleep to the current issues and challenges of the 21st century.

Some shepherds are sound asleep regarding their feeding, protection, leadership, and vision for the flock of God under their care (Acts 20:28-32).

Some preachers are sound asleep to their responsibility to “preach the Word” (2 Timothy 4:1-2), not personal opinions, political agendas, or human traditions.

Some Christians are sound asleep to their discipleship duties “to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18).

Some parents are sound in providing for their children’s physical needs, but neglect the greater responsibility of spiritual training (Ephesians 6:1-4).

We need to put our finger on the passage for what we believe if we want to embrace sound doctrine. But it is just as important to practice what we profess if we want to live a spiritually healthy life.

The greatest danger may not simply be being unsound. It may be that we believe we are sound while we have become spiritually asleep.

What about you? Are you sound in the faith?

“Has Our World Gone Crazy?”

By Terry Wayne Benton

People don’t know that there are only two genders, that marriage is only for one man and one woman, that killing a baby in the womb is still murdering a human being, that if you choose not to work, you choose not to eat and benefit from other’s work.

Why are these things lost on much of our society? Is it because they have swallowed the false notion that there is no real standard of right and wrong? Everyone does what is right their own eyes, and no one is accountable to a real standard above themselves. This has been pushed for decades by means of teaching evolution as an alternative to creation by God. Humanism rides on that foolish theory, and humanism makes man the highest being, the highest authority, and no one human gets to make the rules for other humans.

God has been recognized as the highest authority, and His word would judge us and testify to right and wrong. When we threw out God and His testimony to right and wrong, the world went crazy.

We must turn hearts back to God, or we will see our country become more and more like Sodom and Gomorrah. Lawlessness is never good and never ends well. Repentance and remission of sins need to be preached in every corner of our influence. Should need to hear the truth and see the light. Only the gospel can help one soul at a time. Support the truth and hold up the light to this dark world!

Those Who Need Our Prayers & Encouragement:

Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Chad Harris, Daniel Holloway, Robbie, Sheila, Sherry Doles, Sandi Poole, LuAnne Parrish, Billie Grisham, B.J. Graves, Chandler McCain (Cancer), Stacy & Annette Meeks, Anita Harris' mother: Hillard Switcher, Kiefer Norman (Robbie Doles' relative), Evelyn Trimble, Danny Briggs (cancer), Kelcy Whittemore, Cameron Hutchins, the McCarthy family in Baldwin (two men have cancer, one is terminal), Karen Kennemur, Dianne Johnson, Randy Ferrell (diagnosed with Parkinson's disease), & Greg Fields (Brandi Meade's uncle with Pancreatic cancer).

Updates: Billie Grisham is in Dogwood Assisted Living, here in Corinth.

Sherry Fuqua Doles is back to Tishomingo Manor for rehabilitation.

LuAnne Parrish is home now, and doing some better.

Tim Harris Sr. had back surgery and is recovering.

Danny Sheffield was sick Wednesday, but doing better now.

Those Who Serve:

Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:

Opening Prayer:

Brian Meade

Preaching:

Brian Meade

Sermon #1: *"From Sinai To Zion: Why Christians Worship On Sunday Pt. 2"*

Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am:

Workbook:

Fred Johnson

Author:

Passing The Torch

Starting Page & Question:

Mike Willis

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Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:

Announcements:

Blake Briggs

Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading:

Dan Cottrell

Scripture Reading:

Nehemiah 8:5-6

Song Leader:

Lee Busby

Lord's Supper:

Jerry Kennemur

Assisting:

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Preaching:

Brian Meade

Sermon #2:

"Standing Before God's Word- Nehemiah 8"

Closing Prayer:

Conner Whittemore

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00 P.M.

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Auditorium Bible Class:

Russell Briggs

Workbook:

The Book Of Mark

Author:

By Mike Willis

Starting Page & Question:

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Invitation:

Fred Johnson

Song Leader:

Paul Busby

Closing Prayer:

Nathan Meade



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“From Sinai To Zion: Why Christians Worship On Sunday Pt. 2” Lesson Text: **Hebrews 12:25-29.**

I. The New Covenant Is Completely New.

- **Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 8:13.**
- Jesus Did Not Patch The Old With The New- **Matthew 9:16-17.**
- Covenants Come Complete- **Galatians 5:3.**

II. The Holy Spirit Revealed The Pattern For Christian Worship.

— **Acts 20:7**, “Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.”

- This Is What Paul Commanded In **1 Corinthians 11:23-26.**
- Part Of Our Worship Is Giving To The Treasury Of The Church- **1 Corinthians 16:1-2.**

III. One Day — Every Week — Every Church.

- “*First Day of the Week.*” **Acts 20:7 — 1 Corinthians 16:1-2.**
- “*Every Week.*” (**NASB**).
- Every Church— **1 Corinthians 16:1**, “*As I directed the churches of Galatia.*”

IV. What Christ Has Authorized For His Church.

- **Acts 15:24**, “*To whom we gave no such commandment.*”
- This applies to:
 - Circumcision. - Sabbath Keeping. - Feast Days. - Clean & Unclean Animals.
 - Animal Sacrifices. - Instrumental Music In The Temple.

V. Proving The Case For Sunday Worship.

- Claim #1: “*The Sabbath Was To Last Forever.*” **Exodus 31:16-17.**
 - It Was To Be “Everlasting”, As Long As The Covenant Was Still In Existence.
 - **Exodus 12:14— Hebrews 7:11-12.; Exodus 40:15.**
- Claim #2: “*Jesus Worshipped On The Sabbath.*”
 - Jesus Was Born & Lived Under The Law Of Moses.
 - But It Would Be After his Death His Testament Would Be In Force- **Hebrews 9:16.**
- Claim #3: “*Paul Preached On The Sabbath.*”
 - **Acts 13:14; 17:1-4; 18:4.**
 - Paul Simply Preached Where People Who Believe In God Gathered.
- As The Gospel Was Preached To The Jews First, And Then To The Gentiles (**Romans 1:16**).
- Claim #4: “*Constantine Changed The Day Of Worship To Sunday.*”
 - **Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2.**
 - Christians Worshipped On The 1st Day of the Week Centuries Before Constantine.

VI. God’s Plan Fulfilled: From Zion To The Nations.

- **Isaiah 2:2-3.**
- **Acts 16:30-34.**

Conclusion: Hebrews 12:22-29 Summary:

- We Have Come To Mt. Zion.
- We Have Received An Unshakable Kingdom.
- We Worship Under The Glorious Covenant Of Jesus Christ.

“Standing Before God’s Word- Nehemiah 8”

Lesson Text: **Nehemiah 8:1-18.**

I. The People Before The Word.

— Nehemiah 8:1-8.

- They Hungered For God’s Word.
- They Reverenced God’s Word.
- They Worshipped Because Of God’s Word.
- They Desired To Understand God’s Word.

II. The Changes God’s Word Made In Their Lives.

— Nehemiah 8:9-18.

- They Were Convicted By God’s Word.
- They Wept Because They Were Falling Short.
- They Immediately Obeyed God’s Word.
- They Rejoiced Because They Understood God’s Will.

III. Is God’s Word That Important To Us?

— God’s Word Changes:

- “What I Believe”
- “How I Live”
- “How I Love Others”
- “Who I Become”

— Romans 12:1-2.

— Am I A Pew-Warmer? Or A Life-Changer?

— Does God’s Word Impact Your Life Enough To Make A Difference?

— In The Way You Dress? 1 Timothy 2:9-10; 1 Peter 3:3-4.

- Questions for application:

Do I intentionally choose clothing that honors God?

Have I allowed the world's standards of beauty and sexuality to shape my thinking?

When modesty is preached, do I merely agree with it, or does it actually influence my choices?

— In The Way You Treat Your Neighbor? Matthew 22:39; Romans 13:8-10.

- Questions For Application:

Am I Patient With Difficult People?

Do I Gossip About My Neighbors?

Am I Kind To People Around Me?

Do I forgive Those Who Hurst Me?

Do I seek To Serve Others?

— Do I really Seek To Forsake Sin? James 1:21; 2 Timothy 4:2.

- Questions For Application:

Is My First Reaction To Justify My Sins Or Forsake Them?

Have I ever Prayed Specifically For God’s Help To Overcome Certain Sins?

Do I avoid Situations That I Know Will Tempt Me To Sin?

Am I More Concerned About Appearing Righteous Before Others Or Actually Being Righteous Before God?