

“Doctrine & Definitions”

Titus 2:1
October 16, 2016

Intro: Let me ask you a few questions as we begin...

How healthy are you spiritually? (How do you know?)

How about the average “evangelical” church?

Let me give you some fresh figures to consider...

- **46%** God accepts the worship of ALL religions
- **52%** My good works... partly earn me heaven
- **61%** Strongly disagree... tiny sin = damnation
- **83%** Believe **man initiates, God responds...**

NOW... let me read a passage of Scripture to you...

16All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17so that the servant(s) of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Keep this truth in mind for the rest of our time together!

T/S: Contextual REVIEW:

A. We're in the **Book of Titus** ("Live the Truth")

a. **Paul** is this letter's author...

- i. His persecution...
- ii. His plan...
- iii. His purpose

b. **Titus**

- i. Lover & Leader...
- ii. Letter:

- 1. **BE Real** = ch.1 (**Truth**)
- 2. **BE Righteous** = ch.2 (**Love**)
- 3. **BE Ready** = ch.3 (**Warfare**)

iii. Last week:

1. Finished **ch.1**

- a. *Saved* v.1
- b. *Secure* v.2-3
- c. *Set-apart* v.4
- d. *Shepherds* v.5-9
- e. *Serpents* v.10-16

2. **Serpents...**

These troublemakers were insubordinate, mouthy, and deceptive. They were liars, lazy, and motivated by money. They listened to the words of men, of popular culture, more than to the Word of God. They were infected with a defiled mind and a contaminated conscience, professing to know God but by their actions denying Him. They were "detestable, disobedient, and disqualified for any good work."

- Christ-Centered Exposition

- T/S:** Last week as we began I asked you:
1. *Who do you trust & why do you...?*
 2. What role does the Bible play...?
 3. Let me remind you of again....

VIDEO #1: *"The Jonestown Tragedy"* 2:05

T/S: **Titus 2:1** reminds us how to respond

Big Idea

Doctrine & Definitions

Define & Defend the Righteous Church!

Preview:

- I. The Righteous **STAND-Up**
- II. The Righteous **STIR-Up**
- III. The Righteous **SURE-Up**

Text

"But as for you, teach what is in accord with sound doctrine."

I. The Righteous *Stand-Up*

➤ *“But”*

VIDEO #2: *“What is the Gospel?”* 6:15

➤ *“as for you”*

VIDEO #3: *“Whiteboard Church”* 3:00

II. The Righteous *Stir-Up*

➤ *“teach”*

*** **Read Matthew 28:18-20!** ***

*** **Apply 2 Timothy 2:1-6** ***

Soldier... Athlete... Farmer

▪ **Sin**

VIDEO #4: *“I Am Sin”* 2:45

▪ **Mission**

- John 20:21
- Acts 1:8

VIDEO #5: *“Multiply Recap”* 8:00

➤ *“what is in accord with”*

▪ **Scripture**

- **Ephesians 4** (**Equip** the saints...)
- **Hebrews 10:24** = *“Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works...”*

VIDEO #6: *“Disciple Making fruit”* 7:30

This is the path of gospel living that pleases God and provides a pattern for others to follow.

III. The Righteous *Sure-Up*

➤ *“sound”*

What germs are to a physical body, false teaching is to a spiritual body, the church.

- Warren Wiersbe

Spiritual Warfare requires SOUND doctrine!

VIDEO #7: *“Piper: Do you believe... demons”* 3:45

- **“Sound”** = **HEALTHY** (true/safe) for...
 - Soul
 - Spirit
 - Salvation!
- See John 8:32-36 & John 17:17-24
- The Word is the way!!!
- Truth in love always ultimately wins!!!

➤ *“doctrine.”* (17X in pastoral letters)

Truth in love... no more, no less! - JDP

There's NO compromise in the cross! - JDP

We “Sure-Up the Righteous Christian/Church” with truthful doctrine & definitions...

More examples

“Believe” (biblically):

“Biblical believing is a supernatural, holistic, selfless-surrender that is validated by transformative truth-in-love, genuine repentance and faithful obedience... all of which culminates in Christ-likeness & spiritual fruit.” -JDP

“Born Again”

“Love”

“Truth”

“GOOD church”

**The ultimate doctrine defines the Lordship of
Christ... the supremacy of our Creator &
crucified King!**

VIDEO #8: *“Voddie – Sissified Needy Jesus”* 5:45

CLOSE:

**We must be true to the gospel of Jesus Christ and true
to the Word of God both in belief and in behavior.**

Let's Pray!