

#17 Sound Doctrine - what it is and what it will do for you

1 We have been speaking on Doctrine for the past 16 sermons and six weeks, and as we come to a close on our subject, I would like to ask several questions.

2 So what is Doctrine? we know the Bible defines the logos as Word or doctrine, and we know William Branham said Christ is the doctrine. But what does the word doctrine actually mean?

3 The dictionary defines doctrine as: a body or system of teachings relating to a particular subject.

4 John 7:14-18 14 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. 15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? 16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. 17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. 18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. It is instruction in righteousness, it is teaching, and it is the Word of God. The word logos actually means teaching or doctrine.

Therefore, unless you understand the Doctrine of Christ His doctrine which he said was not His own, he did not author it, but He got it from His Father who is God, and unless you die to self and to all your religious ambition, you will never understand the Doctrine of Christ. Because it is not about you, Nor is it about William Branham, Nor is it about Lee Vayle, but Jesus said it is from the father and it is about the father.

5 And Jesus tells us in verse 17 If any man will do his will, (He's talking about the will of God, then) he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

6 So the very first thing in order to understand the doctrine of Christ is to know what the will of God is, and then to do the will of God as Jesus suggests here.

7 And you can't even get to first base until you have been born again. That is why we have so much unbelief in this Message. Because men are not born again and they are trying to understand the things of God by understanding English words and their meaning, and thinking that if they know the words being spoken, then they have it when they don't have it.

8 That is why brother Vayle said to me, "brian, they got it but they don't got it."

9 Paul said in 1 Corinthians 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God knows. And then Paul told us 12 Now we have received, ...the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. so Paul is telling us that the reason we are to receive the Spirit of God is in order to understand the things of God.

10 Then he says in verse 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. Or in other words, the reason the natural man, which is a man who is not born again, the reason he can not understand the things of God

is because it takes the indwelling Holy Spirit to understand the things of God, and without the Holy Spirit indwelling your being, there is no way you can understand the things of God.

11 Therefore, the first thing to understand concerning the Doctrine of Christ is that there is no way for you to even get to first base in understanding the things of God unless you have the same spirit as the composer of the word of God. You must be born of the same Spirit as the one who wrote the Word.

12 And Jesus said, If any man will do God's will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.

13 And Paul said you can't even know what His will is unless you are born again. And then this same Apostle told us in Colossians that unless God is working in you to will and to do, you haven't got a chance at even knowing the will and then to do it.

14 So Jesus says you've got to know God's will and then do it and then you will know the Doctrine of Christ. And the Apostle Paul comes along and says, not only that but unless you have the same spirit as the composer you will never even understand his will to do it.

15 So that is number one if you are to know the doctrine of Christ, get born again.

Next the Apostle Paul tells us 2 Timothy 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, (that means it is God breathed, so it comes out from the very person of God and who he is. And then Paul says) and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: (in order) 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished or equipped unto all good works.

16 So understanding the Doctrine of Christ has one purpose behind it, and he says that the doctrine with all its reproofs and correction and instructions in right-wise-ness is to produce one thing. It is to equip us to do the works of Christ which he calls good works.

17 Then what if you think we do not need to do the good works, or the works of Christ because brother Branham did them and you are counting on that?

18 Well, that tells me one thing. You do not understand the doctrine of Christ, because if you understood the relationship between God and His obedient son, you would understand that the entire doctrine of Christ shows us how the son of God was obedient to God in everything, and that he never did anything of himself but what the father showed him to do, and what the Father did, the son did likewise. So in essence the doctrine of Christ is John 14:12. God doing the works and then Jesus doing the same works that God did. That even sounds like John 14:12 to me. The son does nothing but what he sees the father do, and whatsoever thing the father doeth the son doeth likewise, or in the same way and manner he saw the father doing it. What's the difference between that and John 14:12? It's all about obedience to the Father. Who do you think was speaking from the vessel of the son and said this? The same father that did the same for the first born son.

19 And all works that The father did Jesus also did, and Jesus said, if you are a true spirit filled believer, then you will also do what I do. And I was obedient to my Father in all things. That is how we manifest as sons of God. That is how we are conformed to the image of the first born son. That is how we are made ready for adoption. And that is how we will be ready to fulfill all Scriptures that are for the bride of Christ in this hour.

20 It's not about you doing, it's about seeing Him doing and you stepping into what God is doing when He asks

you to step into it. Because it is not about you, It's all about Him. "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Philippians 2:13

21 Then in Titus 2:1-15 The Apostle Paul tells us that we must "speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:" This word sound means to be uncorrupted. To speak uncorrupted doctrine. In other words, do not add to it and do not take away from it. And that means you will not try to shove square pegs into round holes. You will not try to make everything fit with your doctrine if it does not fit, then just let it alone. Put it on the shelf until you do know and understand.

22 Too many try to fight what they have no clue what they are fighting. Men right in this Message would stand around and call the "parousia of Christ" false doctrine, and when asked what the Parousia was, not one of them knew what it was they were condemning.

23 Now, that is not very sound. In fact that shows their doctrine was corruptible, because they were blaspheming the very Spirit they claimed to worship and saying His presence was false doctrine. Not even knowing what they were saying. and that is no different than the jews who put Jesus to death and yet claiming to believe God would send Messiah, but when God sent him they crucified the very one God promised. And why was that? Because they hated the God that manifested in Him. And why did they hate the God that manifested in Jesus? Because he condemned them for their hypocrisy.

24 Imagine that. Only a hypocrite would condemn to death the very one he claimed to believe, love and serve.

25 And God said how he would bring forth His doctrine. Deuteronomy 32: 1-2 1 Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. 2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:

26 And we see it in fulfillment in Acts 2: 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

27 So the doctrine must go before the signs and wonders can come. Now, this is not what identifies a prophet, but this is how the signs and wonders came to the first church and every genuine church down through the ages.

28 From his sermon Smyrnaean church age 60-1206 P:8 said, "Another thing that I'd like to read you, it's found in the book: "How Did It Happen?" by R. C. Hazeltine, the history of the early churches. And here on page 180, "The spiritual Gifts In Irenaeus' Time, A.D. 177 to 202." Now, the reason I'm quoting this, it's going on tape (You see?), and it'll be taken off on books." It was in Irenaeus' time that most of the apostolic church of France had all the gifts of the Holy Ghost." That was from him teaching. See? "Irenaeus' church members at Lyons (That's Lyon, France.) spoke with tongues. It was not uncommon to see someone dead brought back to life. Healing was an everyday occurrence in all the evangelical churches everywhere. (That Irenaeus knew how to teach.) Miracles were frequent. In fact, those churches were never without a miraculous manifestation of God's Presence either by vision, super-extension of the elements of nature, and a miracle, to remind the evangelical Christians of that day they was His beloved disciples. But from the history of the past, we cannot glean a single instance of raising the dead in the first Roman church."

29 So we see the importance of teaching the Scripture and expecting to see results from what we teach. As brother Vaile always said, "you preach for results", and that is exactly what brother Branham said in this quote we just read.

30 so then we come to point number II) What does doctrine do for you?

31 Brother Branham said in His message "ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH" Now we have to come to full doctrine.... Then he said, I like good old meetings where the people are shouting and having a good time and the power of God is moving , but wait until the showdown comes and you don't know where you are standing. That is why the doctrine is so important.

32 From ENTICING SPIRITS he said "We preach doctrine to keep the people lined up.'

33 From " 3 KINDS OF BELIEVERS" he said, As long as he was healing the sick, everything was OK, but when he began to preach his doctrine, well...the doctrine is what separated the chaff from the wheat.

34 And finally he said, men who have the scriptures and know the teachings and doctrine but only know it by a mental conception rather than by revelation, that is the doctrine of Cain.

The Scriptures tells us that the doctrine nourishes you and keeps you from falling.

35 1 Timothy 4:1-6 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;

36 Notice it is unsound doctrine that causes people to fall away from The revelation of Jesus Christ. 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; 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. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: 5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. 6 If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.

37 So Paul tells us that Good doctrine will nourish you up.

38 Now the word nourish means: to sustain you with food or nutriment; to supply what is necessary for Life, health and growth. To not only keep you alive, but to strengthen you and build you up as in building you up into the stature or character of Christ as Paul talked about in Ephesians 4.

39 Then Paul also tell us the doctrine will save you.

40 1 Timothy 4:13-16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee. Now, the Greek word for save Paul used here "sozo" not only means to save you, but to protect you, but it also means to "deliver or protect (literally or figuratively): to heal, to preserve, to do well, to be made whole or complete.

41 The same Apostle tells us in Romans 6:17-18 That the sound doctrine will Set you free.

42 Romans 6:17-18 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

43 And how does sound doctrine make you free from sin? Because sin is unbelief, and sound doctrine answers

every question you have concerning who you are, where you come from and where you are going. Unsound doctrine is destructive and pits one against the other. Brother Branham called that the acids of malice and bitterness.

44 In his sermon, Fellowship by redemption 55-0403 P:55 brother Branham tells us how false doctrines like those the Pentecostals brought in lead to divisiveness, bitterness and malice. "The Pentecostal people has went after initial evidence, speaking in tongues, and shouting, and something. Them's all right, but you've left the real thing out. For it's proved that you can't love God, and hate at the same time. Bitter and sweet water won't come from the same fountain. You can't have speaking in tongues and Divine healing in the church, and still envy and strife and malice and hatred. You can't do it. It won't mix. God will pull it out just as sure as the world. Got to come back. That's what happened to the church. You say, "Are you against speaking in tongues? And..." No, sir. I'm for it. It's God's Word. But I see where the church has went off on a bunch of fandango stuff and has never come back, never has had recognized, yet, the... 'Cause they do these things, and malice and hatred and strife, mixing the same... And oil and water won't mix. See what I mean? Let's come back.

45 So what is he saying here? It was churches setting their doctrine above love, that led to hate. It is using doctrine to destroy that negates the works of Christ in the church. Oh, God if the church isn't there now, God help us.

46 Again in 1 Corinthians 14:6 we hear Paul tell us that doctrine is to profit you in the things of God. Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?

47 So we see that sound doctrine is to profit the church, not to tear it down, but to build it up.

48 III) Not just any doctrine will do. It must be God's own doctrine, His own teaching.

49 John 6:44-45 44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

50 2 John 8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath echoes not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath echoes both the Father and the Son.

51 So if you are echoing what both the father and son says, then you are getting your doctrine from Father and son. because Jesus said he got His doctrine from the father as well.

52 Hebrews 13:1-9 Let brotherly love continue. 2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. 3 Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body. 4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. 5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. 7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. 8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. 9 Be not carried about with divers (that means various different sorts of doctrine) and strange (novel or entertaining) doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

53 So even though strong meat belongs to them that are of age, yet he says it is better to have your doctrine seasoned with grace. keep it simple, and few. Focus on the only doctrine spoken of in scripture that if you have this doctrine you have God, and that is the doctrine of Christ. As brother Branham said in 15 different sermons, "we should have no doctrine but Christ, no law but Love, and no book but the Bible", and that keeps it simple.

54 Ephesians 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

55 The Expanded translation puts it this way: 14 Then we will no longer be obabies [children]. We will not be tossed about like a ship that the waves carry one way and then another. We will not be oinfluenced by every new teaching [L

56 1 Timothy 1:1-7 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope; 2 Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. 3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, 4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do. 5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: 6 From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; 7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.

57 Oh, brother if this message isn't full of them. everybody wants to be a teacher, and there is more confusion than ever before. Why? The tapes are the same as they were when brother Branham was here, so what caused it. Those desiring to be teachers.

58 Anointed ones at end time 65-0725M P:31 Notice. The same anointing water brings forth the wheat, brings forth the weed. The same Holy Spirit that anoints the church, that gives them desire to save souls, that gives them power to perform miracles, It falls on the unjust the same as the just: the very same Spirit. Now, you can't make it another way and understand Matthew 24:24. He said, "There shall rise false christs," false anointed ones, anointed with the genuine thing, but be false prophets of it, false teachers of it. What would make a man want to be a false teacher of something that's Truth? Now, and we'll get down to the mark of the beast in a few minutes, you'll see it's denomination. See, see? False teachers, false anointed, anointed christs, but false teachers. It's the only way you can see it.

59 Romans 16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

60 Matthew 16:6-12 6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. 7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread. 8 Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? 9 Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? 10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? 11 How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? 12 Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

61 Why beware the Doctrine of the Pharisees? Because he calls their doctrine leaven, because just a little keeps getting bigger and bigger all the time like leaven does to bread. And after all The word of God is the bread of Life, but injected false doctrine pollutes the whole mass making it look bigger and better but destroys the loaf.

62 2 Timothy 4:1-4 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 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.

63 Notice they will not endure, they will not put up with sound doctrine. Sound meaning uncorrupted. They don't want it the way the prophet said it, they want to embellish it, puff it up, make it more enticing like leaven does to bread.

64 IV) That is why it is so important to mark those who are preaching true doctrine and those who are not.

65 Brother Vayle told me before he left the scene, "brian, preach the life, not so much the doctrine any more, we know the doctrine but preach the life, that is what we need."

66 And Look how Paul placed doctrine with the life. Coequal to it because the doctrine of Christ is supposed to produce the Life of Christ in the believers.

67 Paul said in 2 Timothy 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, and manner of life, and my purpose, and my faith, and my longsuffering, charity, patience,... Paul never said just get educated boys and know my doctrine and that is all you need. No, he said, you know my Doctrine and My life and how I conducted myself and died to self in order that Christ might live in me.

68 1 Timothy 5:17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine.

69 Titus 1:6-11 6 If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. 7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; 8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; 9 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. 10 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.

70 Isaiah 28:8-13 8 For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean. 9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. 10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: 11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. 12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

71 And I would like to read verse 13 from the NIV. So then, the word of the LORD to them will become: Do this, do that, a rule for this, a rule for that; a little here, a little there- so that as they go they will fall backward; they will be injured and snared and captured.

72 Matthew 7:15-28 15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. (and Brother Branham taught us the fruit Jesus is referring to here is their teaching for the season, that's their doctrine. That's how you know men. do they have sound doctrine or unsound doctrine.) Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good

tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit (corruptible doctrine). 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit (corruptible doctrine), neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit (Doctrine). 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit (doctrine) is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits (doctrine) ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. 24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. 28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:

73 Luke 4:31-32 31 And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days. 32 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power. And that word power is from the Greek word "exousia", and means authority and competency. In other words, he knew what he was talking about.

74 let us pray