

## Sound Doctrine

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**Purpose:** To understand what Paul is speaking of, as well as its importance when he warns us through his writings to Titus and Timothy to follow only “Sound Doctrine”.

#### **Definition of “Sound” and “Doctrine” from Websters New Colligent Dictionary:**

##### **Sound:**

- A. Free from injury or disease; normal health; free from flaw, defect or decay.
- B. Solid or Stable.
- C. Free from error, fallacy or misapprehension (i.e. reasoning). Exhibiting or based on thorough knowledge and experience. Legally valid. Having true premise.

##### **Doctrine:**

- A. Teaching or instruction.
- B. Something that is taught. A principle or position; the body of principles in a branch of knowledge, system of belief. A principle of law established through past decisions. A statement of fundamental government policy. A principle accepted as valid and authoritative.

#### **Old Testament uses of “Sound”:**

**Joshua 6:5-6** And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long *blast* with the ram’s horn, *and* when ye hear the **sound** of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

**H6963** qôl qôl *kole, kole* From an unused root meaning to *call* aloud; **a voice or sound:**— + aloud, bleating, crackling, cry (+ out), fame, lightness, lowing, noise, + hold peace, [pro-] claim, proclamation, + sing, **sound**, + spark, thunder (-ing), voice, + yell.

**II Samual 5:24-25** And let it be, when thou hear the **sound** (H6963) of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines. <sup>25</sup>And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer.

**Proverbs 8:14** Counsel is mine, and **sound**<sup>H8454</sup> **wisdom**<sup>H8454</sup>: I am understanding; I have strength.

**H8454** *too-shee-yaw'*, *too-shee-yaw'* From an unused root probably meaning to *substantiate*; *support* or (by implication) *ability*, that is, (direct) *help*, (in purpose) an *undertaking*, (intellectual) **understanding**:—enterprise, that which (thing as it) is, substance, **(sound) wisdom**, working.

**Psalm 38:3-7** <sup>3</sup>There is no **soundness**<sup>H4974</sup> in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin. <sup>4</sup>For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me. <sup>5</sup>My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness. <sup>6</sup>I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. <sup>7</sup>For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and there is no soundness<sup>H4974</sup> in my flesh.

**H4974** m<sup>e</sup>thôm *meth-ohm'* From H8552; **wholesomeness**; also (adverbially) *completely*. (*men* is by reading H4962.):—men [by reading H4962], **soundness**.

**Psalm 119:80** Let my heart be **sound** <sup>H8549</sup> in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed.

**H8549** tâmîym *taw-meem'* From H8552; *entire* (literally, figuratively or morally); also (as noun) *integrity*, *truth*:—**without blemish, complete, full, perfect**, sincerely (-ity), **sound, without spot, undefiled**, upright (-ly), **whole**.

**Proverbs 2:7** For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding. <sup>7</sup>He lays up **sound wisdom** for the righteous: *he is* a buckler to them that walk uprightly.

**Proverbs 14:30** A **sound** heart *is* the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.

### **New Testament Sound:**

**Luke 5:31** Jesus answering said unto them, They that are **whole**<sup>G5198</sup> need not a physician; but they that are sick. <sup>32</sup>I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

**Luke 7:10** And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant **whole**<sup>G5198</sup> that had been sick.

**Luke 15:27** And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and **sound**<sup>G5198</sup>.

**G5198** hugiainō *hoog-ee-ah'ee-no* From G5199; to *have sound health*, that is, *be well* (in body); figuratively to be **uncorrupt (true in doctrine):—be in health**, (be safe and) **sound, (be) whole** (-some).

**III John 2** Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and **be in health** (G5198 Hugiaino), even as thy soul prospers.

### **Old Testament Doctrine:**

**Deut 32:2** Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. <sup>2</sup>My **doctrine**<sup>H3948</sup> 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: <sup>3</sup>Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. <sup>4</sup>*He is* the Rock, his work *is* perfect: for all his ways *are* judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right *is* he. <sup>5</sup>They have corrupted themselves, their spot *is* not *the spot* of his children: *they are* a perverse and crooked generation. <sup>6</sup>Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise? *is* not he thy father *that* hath bought thee? hath he not made thee, and established thee?

**H3948** leqach *leh'-kakh* From H3947; properly **something received**, that is, (mentally) **instruction** (whether on the part of the teacher or hearer); also (in an active and sinister sense) **inveiglement:—doctrine, learning**, fair speech.

**Job 11:4** For thou hast said, My **doctrine** *is* pure, and I am clean in thine eyes. <sup>5</sup>But oh that God would speak, and open his lips against thee; <sup>6</sup>And that he would show thee the secrets of wisdom, that *they are* double to that which is! Know therefore that God exacteth of thee *less* than thine iniquity *deserveth*.

**Prov 4:2** Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. <sup>2</sup>For I give you good **doctrine**, forsake ye not my law. <sup>3</sup>For I was my father's son, tender and only *beloved* in the sight of my mother. <sup>4</sup>He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live.

**Isa 28:9-10** Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand **doctrine**<sup>H8052</sup>? *them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.* <sup>10</sup>For **precept**<sup>H6673</sup> *must be* upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, *and* there a little:

**H8052** sh<sup>e</sup>mû'âh *shem-oo-aw'* Feminine passive participle of H8074; something *heard*, that is, **an announcement**:—bruit, **doctrine**, fame, mentioned, news, report, rumor, tidings.

**H6673** tsav tsâv *tsav, tsawv* From H6680; an *injunction*:—**commandment, precept**.

**Isa 29:23-24** But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel. <sup>24</sup>They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn **doctrine**.

**Jer 10:7-8** Who would not fear thee, O King of nations? for to thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise *men* of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, *there is* none like unto thee. <sup>8</sup>But they are altogether brutish and foolish: the stock *is* a **doctrine**<sup>H4148</sup> of vanities.

**H4148** mûsâr *moo-sawr'* From H3256; properly *chastisement*; figuratively *reproof, warning* or **instruction**; also *restraint*:—bond, chastening ([*-eth*]), **chastisement, check, correction, discipline, doctrine, instruction, rebuke**.

### **New Testament Doctrine:**

**Matt 7:28** <sup>28</sup>And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his **doctrine**: <sup>29</sup>For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

**G1322** didachē *did-akh-ay'* From G1321; **instruction** (the act or the matter):—**doctrine**, hath been taught.

**Matt 15:9** But in vain they do worship me, teaching for **doctrines**<sup>G1319</sup>, the commandments of men.

**G1319** didaskalia *did-as-kal-ee'-ah* From G1320; **instruction** (the function or the information):—**doctrine, learning, teaching**.

**Matt 16:5-12** <sup>5</sup>And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. <sup>6</sup>Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. <sup>7</sup>And they reasoned among themselves, saying, *It is* because we have taken no bread. <sup>8</sup>*Which* when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no

bread? <sup>9</sup>Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? <sup>10</sup>Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? <sup>11</sup>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? <sup>12</sup>Then understood they how that he bade *them* not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the **doctrine**<sup>G1322</sup> of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

**The Lord used a metaphor of leaven in the bread because it penetrates the whole loaf and so He used it to say how evil penetrates and spreads.**

**Rom 6:14-18** <sup>14</sup>For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. <sup>15</sup>What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. <sup>16</sup>Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of **doctrine**<sup>G1322</sup> which was delivered you. <sup>18</sup>Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

**Rom 12:7** Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith; <sup>7</sup>Or ministry, *let us wait* on *our* ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching<sup>G1319</sup>;

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**Rom 15:4** For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our **learning**<sup>G1319</sup>, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

**Rom 16:17-18** <sup>17</sup>Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the **doctrine**<sup>G1322</sup> which ye have learned; and avoid them. <sup>18</sup>For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

So Paul's doctrine was the words of our Lord Christ, but others would force their doctrine deceiving people with the lie that salvation comes by the LAW; not by His Grace.

### **New Testament Sound Doctrine:**

**Eph 4:14** That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of **doctrine**<sup>G1319</sup>, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

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**I Tim 1:3-4** 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**, <sup>4</sup>Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: *so do*.

**I Tim 1:9-11** Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, <sup>10</sup>For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for men stealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to **sound doctrine**<sup>G1319</sup>; <sup>11</sup>According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

**I Tim 4:6-7** <sup>6</sup>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**<sup>G1319</sup>, whereunto thou hast attained. <sup>7</sup>But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself *rather* unto godliness.

**I Tim 6:3-5** If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the **doctrine**<sup>G1319</sup> which is according to godliness; <sup>4</sup>He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strife's of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmising's, <sup>5</sup>Perverse disputing's of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

**II Tim 1:12-14** For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless, I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. <sup>13</sup>Hold fast the form of **sound words**, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

**II Tim 2:14-18** Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, *but* to the **subverting of the hearers**. <sup>15</sup>Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. <sup>16</sup>But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. <sup>17</sup>And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; <sup>18</sup>Who concerning the **truth have erred**, saying that the resurrection is past already; and **overthrow the faith of some**.

**II Tim 3:1-17** This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. <sup>2</sup>For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, <sup>4</sup>Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; <sup>5</sup>Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. <sup>6</sup>For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, <sup>7</sup>Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>8</sup>Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. <sup>9</sup>But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men*, as theirs also was. <sup>10</sup>But thou hast fully known **my doctrine**<sup>G1319</sup>, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, <sup>11</sup>Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. <sup>12</sup>Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. <sup>13</sup>But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. <sup>14</sup>But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*; <sup>15</sup>And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for **doctrine**<sup>G1319</sup>, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: <sup>17</sup>That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Paul says Timothy fully knew his doctrine or teachings. He knew because he heard Paul speak often at his side. Paul goes on to say Timothy knew his purpose. Paul's purpose was to bring the message of salvation through grace to the Gentiles. This brings us back to **Acts 28:28** and **Ephesian 3:2**.

**Acts 28:28** Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

**Ephesian 3:1- 10** For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, <sup>2</sup>If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: <sup>3</sup>How that by revelation he made known unto me the **mystery**; (as I wrote afore in few words, <sup>4</sup>Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) <sup>5</sup>Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; <sup>6</sup>That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: <sup>7</sup>Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; <sup>9</sup>And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the **mystery**, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: <sup>10</sup>To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

**II Tim 4:2-4** Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and **doctrine**<sup>G1322</sup>. <sup>3</sup>For the time will come when they will not endure **sound doctrine**<sup>G1319</sup>; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; <sup>4</sup>And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. <sup>5</sup>But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

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**So, Paul here adds reproof to this as he tells Timothy that most will not endure sound doctrine because of itching ears: they will listen to fables and myths. This is what most do today. They take the word of their preacher or pastor or priest or pope. They have their own bible made by men, not by the inspiration of God as we just read all scripture is. Most rituals and ordinances today of the churches are mere pagan festivals, fables, myths and commandments of men. They deceive the hearts and minds of men and lead silly women (2 Time 3:6). This brings nothing but death and condemnation as they hold to their idolatrous nature, as they are forcing the issue that we are not complete in Christ and still need these rituals for salvation. They profess that other mere mortals possess this gift (ie Mary, The Pope or Joseph Smith – Mormonism). They add insult to injury by praying to them, when scripture tells us that Christ Jesus is the only mediator between man and God the Father. Only Christ our Lord has life and gives life. We must listen to Sound Doctrine and not vain babbling.**

**Titus 1:9-12** Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by **sound doctrine**<sup>G1319</sup> both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. <sup>10</sup>For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: <sup>11</sup>Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. <sup>12</sup>One of themselves, *even* a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians *are* always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.

**G5198** hugiainō *hoog-ee-ah'ee-no* From G5199; to *have* sound *health*, that is, *be well* (in body); figuratively to be *uncorrupt* (*true* in doctrine):—be in health, (be safe and) sound, (be) whole (-some).

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**Titus 1:13-16** This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be **sound**<sup>G5198</sup> **in the faith**<sup>G4102</sup>; <sup>14</sup>Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. <sup>15</sup>Unto the pure all things *are* pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving *is* nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. <sup>16</sup>They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

**G4102** *pistis pis'-tis* From G3982; **persuasion**, that is, *credence*; moral *conviction* (of **religious truth**, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially *reliance* upon Christ for salvation; abstractly *constancy* in such profession; by extension the system of religious (Gospel) *truth* itself:—assurance, **belief, believe, faith**, fidelity.

**Titus 2:1** But speak thou the things which become **sound**<sup>G5198</sup> **doctrine**<sup>G1319</sup>:

### **Conclusion:**

***Paul warns of vile and fraudulent doctrines in his first seven as well as his second seven letters. He speaks of the Lord's doctrine in his first seven and so do other writers of the New Testament. But now after Acts 28:28, he speaks of sound doctrine. This is the only right doctrine for us today. There are no more laws, or ordinances or commandments (Eph 2:15) and the Jew and Gentile are one new creation as the middle wall was broken down (Eph 2:14). This doctrine is the "Mystery" of Eph 3:2 as well as Colossians 1:25-29.***

**Colossians 1:25-29** Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to **fulfil the word of God**; <sup>26</sup> Even the **mystery** which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: <sup>27</sup> To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory: <sup>28</sup> Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: <sup>29</sup> Whereunto I also labor, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

***This sound doctrine was entrusted to Paul. He told the gentiles that the Salvation of God, who was Christ Jesus, was sent to them. That is why the Jews persecuted Paul and had him imprisoned. Paul's sound doctrine is clearly outlined in Ephesians 4:14-6:11***

**Eph 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; <sup>15</sup> But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: