

**Series: Sound Doctrine**

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**Title: The Convictions of the Church**

**Text: (Titus 1:9)** *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.*

(2 Tim 4:3-4) *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.*

(Jude 1:3) *Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*

As a church we must stand for the Truth.  
(Jn 17:17) Jesus said God's Word is Truth.

**Sound Doctrine =**

**Sound** = Founded in truth; firm; valid; solid;  
That cannot be overthrown or refuted.

**Doctrine** = Principles or truths taught by Christ & His apostles. hence - Bible Teaching!

We need convictions that hold us to the Truth.

**Conviction**-strong feeling @ what has been proven to be true.

The most *Essential* Truth in the Bible, (Jn 3:16)

The *Essential* Reason for our life. (Col 1:16-18)

Today, we are going to look at the *Essentials* of our Faith.

**These are the Non-Negotiables** of Christianity!

We Have God's Word! (Jn 17:17)

**God's Word is Essential for Salvation:** (1 Pet 1:23) *Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.*

**God's Word is Essential for Faith:** (Rom 10:17)

**God's Word is Essential in Experiencing God:**

Reveals Himself: (Matt 11:27) *All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.*

(Jn 14:9) *He that hath seen me hath seen the Father;*

Reveals His Will: (2 Pet 3:9; Rom 8:29)

Reveals His Plan: (1 Tim 2:3-4)

**God's Word is Essential in keeping us from sin:**

(Ps 199:9,11)

(Jn 15:3) *Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.*

**God's Word is Essential in directing our lives:**

(Ps 119:105) Lamp/Light

Shows where we are, and where to go!

**I. We Need a Sound Gospel:**

***We cannot have another Christ:*** (Acts 4:12) *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name*

*under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. - (Jn 14:6)*

***We cannot have another Gospel:*** (Gal 1:6-7)(1 Cor 15:1-4)

**The Blood is Essential to Salvation:** (Lev 17:11)

(Heb 9:22) *without shedding of blood is no remission.*

He sent His Son to die for our sins. (Rom 5:8)

**Precious & Perfect Blood-** Only Jesus' blood could do.  
(Heb 10:4) *For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*

**W/O Sin:** (1 Pet 1:18-19)

**W/O Spot:** (Heb 9:14) *How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

***This displays His Divinity***

**By Blood, Not Works:** (Heb 10:1) Sacrifices and the OT Law  
NO WORKS= (Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; Rom 4:5)

**Eternally Secure:** (Heb 10:11-12) Once for sins forever!

(Heb 7:24-25) Saved to the uttermost!

(Jn 5:24) Shall Not come into condemnation

(Rom 8:1) No Condemnation

**We Have a Sound Gospel:**

***We cannot be Ashamed of the Gospel:*** (Rom 1:16)

It is the Gospel that SAVES.

(Acts 1:8) Be A Witness

(Rom 10:14) *How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom*

*they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*

***We cannot be A SHAME to the Gospel:*** (1 Cor 9:25-27)

*We need a Sound Gospel...*

**II. We Need a Scriptural Baptism:**

One Baptism: (Eph 4:5)

One Must Be a Believer 1st: (Acts 8:37)

One Must Be Immersed in Water: (Acts 8:38)

One Must Be Immersed by Authority of a Sound Church:

(Acts 10:23) Men of FBC Joppa - Missions Trip

(Acts 10:47) The Men of FBC Joppa agreed.

(Matt 16:18) Not Jesus' Church

One Must Be Immersed for the Proper Reasons.

(Rom 6:4-5) To Identify With Christ & Gospel.

(Matt 28:19-20) To Be Obedient to Christ's Command

(1 Pet 3:21) To Have A good Conscience Toward God.

(Acts 19:1-6) To Identify with Christ's Doctrine.

**III. We Need a Sacred Lord's Supper?**

Observed as a Church Ordinance: (1 Cor 11:17-20)

Observed by Saved, Baptized, Members, in good

Fellowship: (1 Cor 11:27-32)

**IV. We Need a Separated Church Membership:**

God has the right to expect His church members to live in a Godly Fashion:

(Titus 2:11-14)

(2 Cor 6:14-18) *Unequally Yoked.*

God has the right to expect His Church members to Love, Forgive, & Restore those who Repent when they go into sin.  
(Lk 17:3-4) *Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. 4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.*

(Gal 6:1) *Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.*

God has the right to expect His Church to Rebuke, Discipline, & Withdraw Fellowship from those who Refuse to Repent of their sin, and thus hurt the Testimony of Christ and His Church.

(Matt 18:15-17)

(1 Tim 5:20) *Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.*

(Titus 3:10) *A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject;*

(Rom 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.*

(2 Thes 3:6) *Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.*

## **The Blood, The Book & The Blessed Hope:**

***He is coming again!***

***Jesus Said He would!*** (Jn 14:1-3)

***The Apostles said He would!*** (Tit 2:13) *Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*

***The Angels said He would.*** (Acts 1:11) *this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*

His coming is Real! (1 Thes 4:16-17; Rev 1:7)

His Coming is Real soon! (James 5:8)

***Don't quit, He is bringing our rewards with Him!***

(Rev 22:12)

***Stay Faithful!*** (Matt 24:42) *Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.*

(Matt 25:13) *Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.*

These are the *Essentials*, Have you embraced His Blood, Book, & Blessed Hope?

**These are the Convictions of the Church of Jesus Christ.**