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ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK



We have learned that Divine doctrines established the Baptist Church such as our Church, the Christian Bible Baptist Church Los Baños. It must follow that the same must sustain it until her final union with Christ in the eternal heavens.

This thrust bestowed in our Church is reflected in the second paragraph of our Church covenant, which reads thus: "We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit ... to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines..."

Today, we continue to understand the fact that Divine doctrines are sound ones and that these are necessary for changed lives.

Our memory verse sounds off this truth.

Here is sound doctrine — it is of Divine origin. Sound doctrines come from the author of life, thus you may refer to them as Divine doctrines. We know that when God spoke, all things came into existence. Heb. 11:3 declares, "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." In Genesis 1 we read the phrase, "And God said, Let there be ... and it was so." When He created man, He breathed into his nostrils and "...man became a living soul." We know that that breath is the Word of God. Matt. 4:4 says, "... Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Here is a statement that sound or divine doctrines are to be received not to be debated about. They are to be ac-

cepted as they are whether we agree or not, whether we understand them or not. Sound or divine doctrines drop from above and, like the grasses' open leaves, receive the same as they are poured. Sound or divine doctrines do not need to be refined by scholars. They are already perfect. Psalm 12:6 declares, "The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times."

Here further is a statement concretizing the necessity of Divine doctrines — rain, dew, small rain, and showers. Life and growth cannot proceed without water. When the land is blessed with water, both flora and fauna thrive in unprecedented growth. Indeed, Divine doctrines make our lives productive. II Tim. 3:16-17 says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

We are thankful that CBBC-LB's doctrines are of Divine origin. These are all in the pages of the Holy Scriptures. They have been handed down to us throughout the ages. We are sure indeed that what we teach are divine.

May each of us find rest indeed on these doctrines and be found always abounding in sustaining the same from this generation forever.

ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK 2022 SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
**TITLE: ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN SUSTAINING
THE DOCTRINES IN THE WORK OF THE LORD**
(Part 2)

TEXT: TITUS 2:1-15

MEMORY VERSE: DEUTERONOMY 32:2

I. **LET EACH OF US BE FOUND ALWAYS
ABOUNDING IN SUSTAINING DOCTRINES
IN THE WORK OF THE LORD BY TREAT-
ING THE SAME AS THE WAY OF**

WE MUST TROD.

A. At the outset, each of us must bear in mind that the saved must live the life he received in Christ (I Cor. 5:17). Such new life is the life of our Christ. And His life is His doctrine. Observe the Great Commission He issued particularly in Matt. 28:20.

B. In verse 13, we are aware that in this meeting with Him we expect that we shall be like Him (I John 3:2). Indeed, each of us came to know God for this (Rom. 8:29). It should be no surprise that when the Saviour came bodily, He came to preach and teach. The Church was formed, too, by His words, FOLLOW ME. In Heb. 10:25, we are also told that we assemble to exhort one another (i.e., preach and teach His words or doctrines) as we see the day approaching.

C. Likewise, the Gospels clearly present our Saviour Jesus Christ pre-eminently as the teacher, though He was also preacher and healer (Matt. 4:23). His Sermon on the Mount was matchless. The titles – teacher, master, and rabbi – all indicate the most prominent function of His active ministry. Even at the age of 12, He revealed His wisdom and affinity in the midst of Jewish teachers of the Law in the temple (Luke 2:41). In the power of the Spirit He taught so that all recognized His authority (Luke 4:14-15; Matt. 7:29). He explained to the disciples in private what He taught the people in public (Matt. 13:36). His principles and methods of teaching constitute the standard by which all true pedagogy is measured, and the ideal toward which all subsequent teachers have toiled with only partial success (Matt. 7:28-29; John 1:49; 3:2; 6:46). In the Great Commission as recorded in Matt. 28:18-20.

D. From the above truths, we are certain that we _____ doctrine by:

1. continually preaching and teaching His commands;
2. observing or keeping all his commandments; and,
3. following His steps in sufferings as I Pet. 2:21 records: and

4. teaching with authority Christ's teachings (doctrines). We may teach the truth but if authority is not felt, then we become like tinkling cymbals. Teaching with authority presupposes the following:

- Grasping completely what is taught;
- Believing the teachings to be truth and nothing but the truth;
- Teaching the same without a shadow of doubt; and
- Following the same teaching both in our public and private deportments.

- E. Moreover, by being an example to all sustains doctrines. Our text in verse 7 sounds off perfectly this truth.
- F. Divine doctrines indeed is the life of Christ that each of us must _____ (verse 14).
- G. As the Church that our Saviour founded and established as well as the Church He perpetually heads and builds, her doctrines are from Him and must be taught and _____. Church doctrine is not anybody's doctrine but Christ's. Even religious leaders during His time inquired of this (John 18:19). Christ's doctrine unraveled the true colors of man, government and religious groups. When our Saviour spoke, the congregation was divided – those who believe and those who will not. John 6 records this truth. In this account we read a multitude running after Him but when He taught His doctrine, His life and His mission, they would not believe (John 6:60; John 6:66). Therefore, we sustain Divine doctrines by teaching and preaching the commands of Christ even if the world may not agree with us. Divine doctrines effectively separate the sheep from the goats, the believer from the unbelievers, the true from the hypocrite.
- H. In addition, the Baptist Church was established to serve as the pillar and ground of _____ (I Tim. 3:15). The truth is never dependent upon the hearers. The truth emanates from God alone. John 17:17 says that the Word of God is the truth. And if the truth is preached and believed then it will certainly set one free. The Catholics have their sacraments and their Church fathers; the Protestants have their methods; the Mormons have their good works as their basis; the INC have their Church as their authority; the New Agers have their philosophies; but the Baptist people have the Word of God as the final

and only basis of authority concerning teachings and practices. The most important book in our congregation is not our song book but the book of God, the King James Bible. Hence, we sustain Church doctrines by:

- preaching the Word in season and out of season; and,
- preaching the Word everywhere every time to every person.

II. LET EACH OF US BE FOUND ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN SUSTAINING DOCTRINES IN THE WORK OF THE LORD BY _____ THEM TO THE NEXT GENERATIONS.

- A. Each of us must never forget the fact that all men are lost and until they come to the fountain of life, they all shall perish. Divine doctrines _____ life (verse 11). The true knowledge of Christ, is knowing salvation, grace, mercy and love of God. Hence, by preaching and teaching Him; by winning souls daily; by holding Bible and mission conferences; by conducting more good news classes and daily vacation bible schools; by teaching kids in Sunday school; by annually holding our BASICS; and by bringing the children to church, we propagate divine doctrines.
- B. Moreover, the apostles' lives give each of us a clear and concrete _____ of propagating divine doctrines. They are God's chosen eyewitnesses of divine doctrines (II Pet. 1:16-18; I John 1:1-3). Hence, by being an eyewitness of our individual born again experience; and by giving our individual testimonies of God's working and blessings in each of us, we help propagate divine doctrines.
- C. The apostles further referred to the _____ of old time and they themselves were used by God to write letters or epistles which we now read and follow (II Pet. 1:19-21; Acts 2:42; Acts 5:42). Hence, we propagate divine doctrines by:
- continually giving attendance to reading of the Word in church and at home;
 - continually preaching and teaching the Written Word in the Church and at home;
 - continually leading Bible studies anywhere;
 - continually pursuing our doctrine and discipleship sessions; and,

- reinvigorating enrollment in our Bible school.
- D. On another note, in Antioch, the center of foreign missionary _____, Paul, Silas, Barnabas and many others taught the word of the Lord (Acts 15:35). In Thessalonica, Paul and Silas for three weeks reasoned with the people out of the Scriptures, opening up the sacred secrets and proving to all candid minds that Jesus was the Messiah (Acts 17:1-3). In Berea, instruction in the synagogue was followed by private study, and as a result many believed in the Lord (Acts 17:10-15). In Athens, Paul discussed and explained the things of the kingdom of God, both in the synagogue 3 times a week and in the market daily (Acts 17:16). In Corinth, Paul, having been denied the use of the synagogue, taught the word of the Lord for a year and a half in the house of Justus, and thus laid the foundation for a great church (Acts 18:1-11). In Ephesus, Paul taught for 2 years in the school of Tyrannus, disputing and persuading the people concerning the kingdom of God (Acts 19:8-10). In Rome, Paul expounded the word, testified to its truth, and persuaded men to accept the gospel (Acts 28:23). His method of work in Rome under trying limitations is described as cordially receiving the people and preaching the kingdom of God, and "teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 28:30-31). Hence, we help propagate divine doctrines by:
- expanding our Church missionary program;
 - increasing our faith promise offerings; and,
 - praying so God may call more men for missionary works.
- E. Our text further tells us that divine doctrines must be propagated to the next _____. Verses 1 and 3 tell us that we must speak sound doctrine so the aged women, who turns holy, may be teachers of good things (v.4-5). Hence, when mothers in our Church treat their own family as their main ministry, divine doctrines are propagated!

III. LET EACH OF US BE FOUND ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN SUSTAINING DOCTRINES IN THE WORK OF THE LORD BY TREATING THE SAME AS MEANS TO BUILD _____ LIVES.

A. Our text in verse 15 further commands us that we speak, exhort, and rebuke with all authority these divine doctrines. In doing so, we are exhorted to do it with all our might and authority and that we must not allow any person to despise us. Why? – because such doctrines _____ lives (v.2, 3, 6, & 8). Further in our text in verses 11-12 we are told that the grace of God which brings salvation befoves the believers to _____ ungodliness and worldly lusts but that believers must live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present world! Hence, we sustain divine doctrines by:

- worshipping God in spirit and in truth;
- singing godly songs;
- giving spiritual thanks daily to our great King and Saviour;
- living a separated life; and
- contending for our faith.

C. Our text also clearly shows that divine doctrines, when spoken and taught and are received, would adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things! In effect, these certainly bring _____ to God. Likewise, verse 14 of our text mentions that the rationale of our Saviour's giving Himself for us is "that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

D. Wrong doctrines _____ lives (II Tim. 2:16-18; II Tim. 2:23-24).

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE Day 329-335

Mon	27-JUN	2 Peter 3; Jer. 45-46; Psalm 141
Tue	28-JUN	Gal. 1; Jer. 47-48; Psalm 142
Wed	29-JUN	Gal. 2; Jer. 49-50; Psalm 143
Thu	30-JUN	Gal. 3:1-18; Jer. 51-52; Psalm 144
Fri	1-JUL	Gal. 3:19-4:20; Lam. 1-2; Psalm 145
Sat	2-JUL	Gal. 4:21-31; Lam. 3-4; Psalm 146
Sun	3-JUL	Gal. 5:1-15; Lam. 5; Psalm 147

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

My faith has found a resting place
 Not in device nor creed
 I trust the Ever-living One
 His wounds for me shall plead

**I need no other argument
 I need no other plea
 It is enough that Jesus died
 And that He died for me**

Enough for me that Jesus saves
 This ends my fear and doubt
 A sinful soul I come to Him
 He'll never cast me out

My heart is leaning on the Word
 The written Word of God
 Salvation by my Savior's name
 Salvation through His blood

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand
 All other ground is sinking sand
 All other ground is sinking sand**

2022 CHURCH CALENDAR	
July 2022	
8	CBBA LB Year-End Recognition
17	CBBA LB Commencement Exercises
20, 21	Bible Conference
31	CBBC SP Mission Emphasis
August 2022	
29	CBBC SP Ministry Involvement
31	Filipiniana Sunday & Treasure Offering

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE			
Sunday AM	624	FTV	36
Sunday PM	289	Baptism	7
Prayer Mtg	134		