



BBC UPDATE

4th Annual BBTS Fall Lecture Series



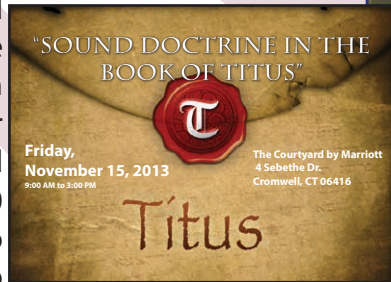
Dr. Thomas Strouse

On November 15, 2013, the Lord blessed the fourth annual BBTS Fall Lecture Series with an emphasis on Sound Doctrine in the Book of Titus. Drs. Reeves, Sebrell and Strouse presented different facets of the Epistle to Titus dealing with "Sound Doctrine and the Congregation," "Sound Doctrine and the

Dr. Thomas Strouse Pastor," and "Sound Doctrine and Heretics," respectively. At least 17 NT churches were represented from CT, MA, NH, NY, and VA with fourteen pastors and assistant pastors in attendance. Pastor Steve Bates and Mr. Bill Gagnon sang a duet, and Mrs. Elena Sherwood sang the words of Ps. 119:33-40 accompanied by harpist Miss Krista Hagglund to provide wonderful music for the day. The fellowship was sweet as the church members from various churches enjoyed unity "after the common faith" (Tit. 1:4). Electronic copies of the outlines will be posted on the BBC web site www.bbc-cromwell.org



*Dr. Roger Sebrell
preaching on "Sound
Doctrine and the Pastor"
at the Lecture Series*



*There were over 80 attendees at the
4th Annual Lecture Series*



*Above: The pastors and
missionaries in attendance at the
Lecture Series.*



*Left: Elena Sherwood sang part
of Psalm 119, accompanied by
Krista Hagglund on the harp.*

Report from the Filipino Pastors

Both Pastor Emmanuel Tanierla of Iloilo and Jed Raquintan of Quezon City have reported that the latest storm, the mega-typhoon, which hit the Philippines did minor damage to their church buildings, and caused loss of power, no lives were lost within their congregations. We are thankful for the Lord's protection on these friends and trust that He will bring redemption through this tragedy. Please contact these men if you are interested in giving help or encouragement to them.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Christmas Banquet

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Lecture Series Photos

2013 Christmas Banquet

*You are cordially invited to the
4th Annual BBC/BBTS Christmas Banquet
at Bible Baptist Church
Friday Dec. 13, 2012 from 6-9 PM.*

*The Banquet is for all church members of BBC
and Bible Baptist Theological Seminary alumni,
seminarians, or friends!*

Gift Exchange

Part of the evening's activities will entail a gift exchange (\$10 range). Each attendee should bring a wrapped gift for this traditional and spirited event!

Nursery

A nursery will be provided however, it is important that you indicate how many children will be using the nursery when you RSVP.

RSVP

Please RSVP to: drtms_bbts@juno.com
by December 1, 2013.

*Merry
Christmas*

More Lecture Series Photos



Brother Jim Lawrence shared his burden for a new work in Utah



Pastor Cas Reeves
"Sound Doctrine & the
Congregation"



Pastor & Mrs. Roger Sebrell



Pastor Steve Bates & Brother Bill
Gagnon sing "Ship Ahoy"

Sound Doctrine in Titus

Dr. Thomas Strouse

I. BACKGROUND

A. Titus the Man

1. Titus (Τίτος)¹ was converted through Paul's ministry and was a Gentile (Tit. 1:5; Gal. 2:1-3).
2. Paul and Barnabas took Titus of Jerusalem to demonstrate the conversion of this Gentile (Acts 15:1 ff.; Gal. 2:1-3).
3. Titus had encouraged Paul that the Corinthians had responded to his First Epistle to them (II Cor. 2:13-15; 7:5-16). Paul then wrote II Corinthians and sent it back with Titus who was to also collect money for the Jerusalem assembly (II Cor. 8:16-23).
4. During his two known Roman imprisonments, Paul took Titus to Crete and left him there hoping to rejoin at Nicopolis (Tit. 1:5; 3:12).
5. Titus was with Paul towards the end, but left Rome and went back to minister Dalmatia (II Tim. 4:10).
6. Tradition states that Titus died of natural causes on Crete.

B. The Island of Crete

1. This long and narrow island was in the Mediterranean Sea with Salmone and Fair Havens as significant cities (cf. Acts 27:7-21).
2. Converts from Pentecost presumably went back and planted churches (Acts 2:11).
3. The Cretians manifested wickedness to such an extent that Epimenides their poet said "Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies" (Tit. 1:12).

C. The Time, Place and Purpose

1. On his prosperous journey to Rome (Rom. 1:10), he stopped on Crete, and apparently after his release he wrote I Timothy and came back to the island with Titus (c. AD 62). At some point Zenas the lawyer and Apollos joined Titus in his efforts (3:13)
2. Paul started churches in many cities and left Titus there for several reasons:
 - a. To ordain elders in every church (1:5),
 - b. To refute the false teachers,
 - c. To speak sound doctrine to elders, church members, and false teachers,
 - d. To encourage the church members about the responsibility of "good works."

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II. OUTLINE

- A. Introduction (1:1-4)
- B. Sound Doctrine and Elders (1:5-16)
- C. Sound Doctrine and the Congregation (2:1-10)
- D. Sound Doctrine and the Christian Life (2:11-3:8)
- E. Sound Doctrine and Heretics (3:9-11)
- F. Conclusion (3:12-15)

III. "SOUND DOCTRINE"

A. The Expression

1. "Sound" (ὑγιαίνω)² "to be sound"
 - a. Physical usage (Mt. 8:13; Lk. 5:31; 7:10; 15:27; III Jn. 1:2)
 - b. Theological usage (I Tim. 1:10; 6:3; II Tim. 1:13; 4:3; Tit. 1:9, 13; 2:1)
2. "Doctrine" (διδασκαλία)
 - a. Translated doctrine (19x), teaching (1x), learning (1x).
 - b. In Titus 4x (Tit. 1:9; 2:1, 7, and 10)

B. The Passages

1. "For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to **sound doctrine** [τῇ ὑγιαίνουσῃ διδασκαλίᾳ]" (I Tim. 1:10).
2. "For the time will come when they will not endure **sound doctrine** [τῆς ὑγιαίνουσας διδασκαλίας]; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears" (II Tim. 4:3).
3. "Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by **sound doctrine** [τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ τῇ ὑγιαίνουσῃ] both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers" (Tit. 1:9).
4. "But speak thou the things which become **sound doctrine** [τῇ ὑγιαίνουσῃ διδασκαλίᾳ]" (Tit. 2:1).

IV. THE DOCTRINE OF GOOD WORKS

- A. False Teachers have no good works: "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate" (1:16).
- B. Sound Doctrine leads to good works:

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¹The proper noun probably means "nurse." It is found 13x in the body of the TR and 2x in the subscripts (II Cor. 13:14 and Tit. 3:15).

²The noun ὑγιής occurs 14x (cf. Tit. 2:8). The term "hygiene" comes from this Greek noun.

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1. "In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity" (2:7).
2. "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (2:14).
3. "This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men" (3:8).
4. "And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful" (3:14).

V. THE DOCTRINE OF FALSE TEACHERS ("Heretick")³

A. Their Precepts (Tit. 1:14)

1. Jewish Fables (Ἰουδαϊκοῖς μύθοις): see I Tim. 1:4; 4:7; II Tim. 4:4; and II Pet. 2:16 for μῦθος.
2. Commandments of Men (ἐντολαῖς ἀνθρώπων): vide Mt. 15:9 and Mk. 7:7.
 - a. Paul did not elaborate on the Jewish fables.
 - b. Paul did seem to link together the heresies of the Jews with those of the Gnostics (Col. 2:8-23).
 - 1) The Jews erroneously emphasized circumcision (vv. 11, 13), angels (vv. 10, 15, and 18), and holydays (v. 16), and may have had fables surrounding these tenets.
 - 2) The Greek Gnostic philosophers taught demonic doctrines of the rudiments (v. 8) requiring men to move upward toward deification through the *pleroma* (vv. 9-10). This involved worshipping angels (v. 18), mortification of the flesh (vv. 21, 23), narcissism (v. 23) and false humility (v. 23).
 - c. Ultimately, all false systems are built upon the premise that man can save himself.

³ The adjective αἱρετικός occurs once in NT and gives the sense of "choosing." A theological choice contrary to the religious norm or standard is a heresy. A teaching contrary to the Bible is heresy.

B. Their Practices and Persons

1. "unruly" (ἀνυπότακτοι)
2. "vain talkers" (ματαιολόγοι)
3. "deceivers" (φρεναπάται)
4. "subvert whole houses" (οἷτινες ὅλους οἴκους ἀνατρέπουσι)
5. "teaching...for filthy lucre's sake" (αἰσχροῦ κέρδους χάριν)
6. "liars" (ψεῦσται)
7. "defiled" (τοῖς μεμιασμένοις)
8. "unbelieving" (ἀπίστοις)
9. "profess to know God...deny him", Θεὸν ὁμολογοῦσιν εἰδέναι, τοῖς δὲ ἔργοις ἀρνοῦνται)
10. "abominable" (βδελυκτοὶ)
11. "disobedient" (ἀπειθεῖς)
12. "reprobate" (ἀδόκιμοι)

C. Their Prescription (Tit. 1:9; 2:10, 13)

1. By sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince (παρακαλεῖν ἐν τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ τῇ ὑγιαينوῦσῃ, καὶ ἐλέγχειν).
2. Stop mouths (οὓς δεῖ ἐπιστομίζειν)
3. Rebuke sharply (ἔλεγε αὐτοὺς ἀποτόμως)
4. Avoid the following (Tit. 3:9):
 - a. "foolish questions" (μωρὰς ζητήσεις)
 - b. "genealogies" (γενεαλογίας)
 - c. "contentions" (ἔρεις)
 - d. "strivings about the law" (μάχας νομικὰς)
5. Admonish twice and then reject (μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νοουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ [Tit. 3:10]). This would be through church discipline since there is no other means of rejection of false teachers.

VI. CONTEXT OF CHAPTER THREE

A. Sound Doctrine and the Christian Life (2:11-3:8)

1. It Requires Good Works (3:1-3)
 - a. Relative to Secular Leaders (3:1).
 - b. Relative to Sinners (3:2-3).
2. It Realizes Genuine Regeneration (3:4-8)
 - a. The Author—God our Saviour (3:4).
 - b. The Act—washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost (3:5).
 - c. The Abundance—in grace, hope, and eternal life. (3:6-7).
 - d. The Affirmation—belief leads to good works (3:8).

B. Sound Doctrine and Heretics (3:9-11)

1. Avoid their techniques (3:9)
2. Admonish (3:10)
3. Advise (3:11)

C. Conclusion (3:12-15)

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VII. APPLICATION OF SOUND DOCTRINE

A. Examples of modern heresies based on myths and traditions of men.

1. Myths (μύθοις)

- The myth of the "Q" document behind the common source for the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke.
- The myth of Christ and the Apostles quoting the LXX.
- The myth of a non-canonical "bitter letter" written to the Corinthians.
- The myth that scholars are to restore the Lord's non-preserved words Greek and Hebrew words.
- The myth of some "spiritual body" or universal, invisible church into which all Christians are Spirit baptized.

2. Traditions of Men (ἐντολαὶς ἀνθρώπων)

- The tradition that only Fundamental doctrines are important enough to defend.
- The tradition that there are many "non-essentials" in the Bible that are relegated to preference only (i.e., mode of baptism).

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- The tradition that parachurch ministries (which are under the aegis of no assembly) have divine authority.
- The tradition that there are organizational hierarchies that have inferred authority over the Lord's assemblies.


B. Biblical Implementation of Sound Doctrine

- Each NT assembly must determine Sound Doctrine and heretical departures.
- These churches must teach these truths to assembly members.
- The Lord's churches must then examine their respective practices to make sure they are not compromising their doctrine.
 - What about the missionaries and mission agencies they finance?
 - What about their schools and education institutions they support?
 - What about preachers, pulpit supply, evangelists, etc., they invite in to cover the pulpit?


SOUND DOCTRINE LEADS TO GOOD WORKS!

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- Sunday Afternoon Service 1:30 PM
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM








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Join us on December 22 for the
BBC Youth Christmas Program
The youth of Bible Baptist Church will be presenting
"O Come Emmanuel" at 1:30 PM on December 22.
The children will detail the Biblical events of
the Christmas account in a unique and thought
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welfare. I can help you be aware of your spiritual condition
by presenting what the God of the Bible says about your
welfare. If you are not a Christian, that is, if you are not a
born-again believer in Jesus Christ, then your present
condition is that you are under the condemnation of God
facing His eternal wrath in Hell. The good news or Gospel
is that Christ died for your sins, was buried, and rose again.
Once you become convicted of your sins, you must turn
from them in repentance, and turn toward the Lord Jesus Christ in faith for
biblical salvation. Notice the following Bible verses:

- "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).
- "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23).
- "But he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the
name of the only begotten Son of God" (Jn. 3:18).
- "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Lk. 13:3).
- "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of
fire" (Rev. 20:15).
- "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).
- "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13).
- "How that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was
buried, and that He rose again the third day" (1 Cor. 15:4-5).
- "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever
believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Jn. 3:16).

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

Christ And Our Difficulties



Pastor Cas Reeves

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them"

Ecclesiastes 12:1

From time to time we all have our troubling and some times discouraging moments; We call them our bad days. In our text, God calls them "the evil days," when we say, "I have no pleasure in them." We are told to: "Remember now thy Creator." Remember what he said, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me" (John 14:6). Beloved for those troubling moments we need to keep trusting Jesus Christ our Savior.

In those anxious times, "Remember now thy Creator" and what he said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these

things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (Matthew 6:33,34). We are told not to worry about the problems of tomorrow just make, but to put Christ Jesus first in our life today. He is the one that promises to get us through. Let us trust Him.

"Remember now thy Creator" and what he said through the Apostle Paul, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). The very worst of doldrums, our Creator tells us, that it works for our good. Now, that is encouraging. We should learn, God can turn any thing to our best interest. We should take note of the Apostle's victorious attitude as he went through the doldrums. He said, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest" (2 Corinthians 4:8-10). He exemplifies, keeping our thoughts on Christ through all our difficulties. - CAR

Quotes From the Past:



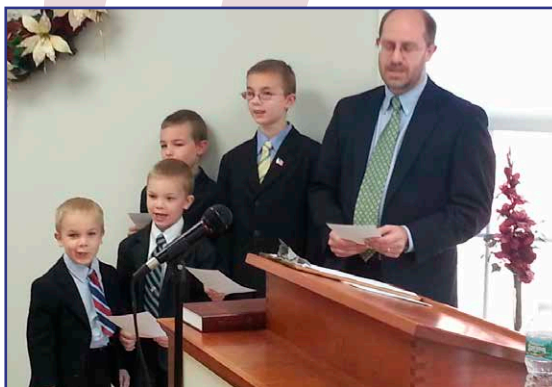
Charles Spurgeon

Charles H. Spurgeon, 1834-1892

English Baptist Preacher

"You say, 'If I had a little more, I should be very satisfied.' You make a mistake. If you are not content with what you have, you would not be satisfied if it were doubled."

BBC Music Ministry



The Schabert Men ministered in song during the morning service.

Upcoming BBC/BBTS Events

Homeschool Safety Day Department Tours

Tuesday, November 26, 1:00 PM
at Cromwell Police and Fire Departments

BBC Christmas Banquet

Friday, December 13, 6:00 PM

BBC Youth Christmas Program

Sunday, December 22, 1:30 PM

BBC Ladies Meeting

Saturday, March 8, 2013

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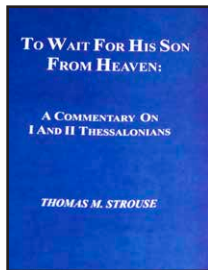
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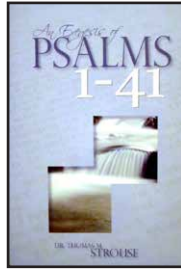
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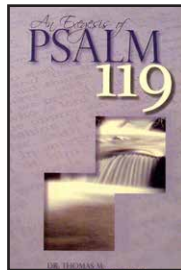
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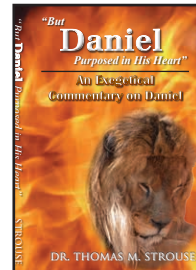
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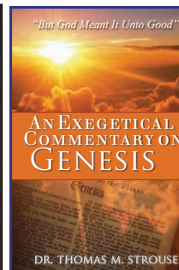
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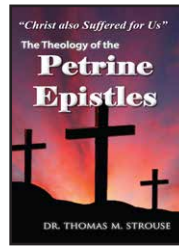
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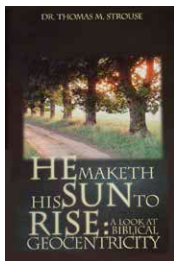
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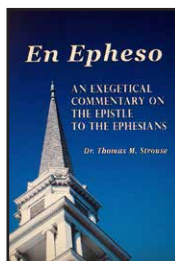
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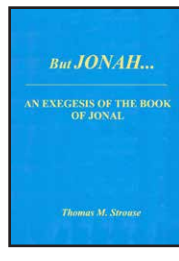
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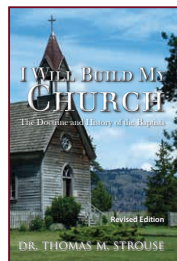
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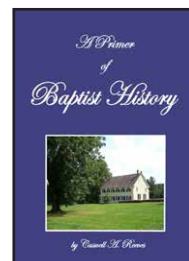
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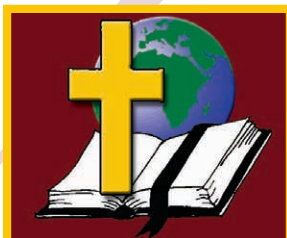
Lecture Series Fellowship



As usual, a large amount of delicious food was
served for the Lecture Series Luncheon!

If you have any news for the next is-
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