



“Sound Teaching” - 2 Timothy 4:16-21 - January 5, 2020

:: Main Points

- 1) Jesus and the _____ handed down teaching for the Church that was to be the foundation of faith and living for followers of Christ. There were many different voices competing for peoples' attention outside the church and voices challenging that teaching within the church.
- 2) Paul counseled Timothy that as things get worse, he must get _____ at preaching, teaching and patiently contending for the truth of God's Word.
- 3) _____ - *The study of the nature of God*
_____ - *A set of beliefs that are held by a group*
- 4) We are all _____, the questions is, “are we good theologians or poor ones?”
We all have _____, the question is, “are the doctrines we hold to 'sound teaching'?”

:: Key Passage

Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions. - 2 TIMOTHY 4:2,3

:: Life Application Questions

- 1) What stood out to you in today's message? Why?
- 2) What are some of the most popular philosophies and ideologies of our day and why do they attract such a following?
- 3) What principles have you used to discern whether or not something is “sound teaching”? What is at stake if we go by our feelings?
- 4) How would you describe most modern Christians' approach to theology and doctrinal issues?
- 5) A growing number of modern Christians are tending to shy away from identifying with a particular denomination. What are some of the pros and cons of this way of living out our Christian faith?
- 6) As you look at our church's statement of faith, what are some doctrines that stand out for you? Why? What are some questions that arise for you?

:: Our Statement of Faith

The members of First Baptist Church Tillsonburg agree and subscribe to the following statement of faith as follows:

To believe in one God, our Creator, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

To believe in the divine inspiration of Scripture as the revealed Word of God, as our only authority.

To believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, bodily resurrection and the total sufficiency of His atonement.

To believe in the justification by faith alone in the righteousness of Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration and sanctification.

To believe in the second and glorious appearance of our Lord and Saviour, the resurrection of the dead and the final judgment with the punishment of the unjust and the blessedness of the just.

To believe in the baptism by immersion of believers in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

To believe in the Lord's Supper as commemorative of His death and celebrated in accordance with His command.