Auditorium lesson in Johnson City. Sunday Morning September 26, 1976

INTRODUCTION:

TITUS 2:1

1. BUT SPEAK THOU. Verse 1 1. Nearly all people are ready to speak.

1. Not all are careful what they speak; nor do they understand the full import of what they speak.

2. L Cor. 14:19; "Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an (unknown) tongue.

3. Ecclesiastes 3:7; "A time to rend, a time to sew, a time to keep silent and a time to speak."

2. Evil speaking banned.

1. Titus 3:2; "Speak evil of no man..." 2. James 4:11; "Speak not evil one of another

brethren ... " 3. Eph. 4:31,32; "Let all bitterness, and wrath and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you with all

32, And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you,"

2. THE THINGS WHICH BECOME SOUND DOCTRINE. V. 1 1. Doctrine: Teaching, instructions, that which is taught.

1. Doctrine implies a principle taught and accepted by a body of believers.

2. DOGMA: Is a stronger term than docrine. 1. Dogma implies a teaching laid down as true and beyond dispute.

2. So Titus' teaching, doctrine, dogma, the truth of God which is indisputable.

1. This in contrast to weak, sickly, unhealthy, misleading teaching done by some misleading teachers in the church.

3. Titus' sound doctrine here demanded by Paul was to be in regard to the special deportment of every Christian of 1) every age,

2) both sexes, 3) every rank. 4. Sound doctrine, right teaching from God's word must be the aim of all gospel teaching. PAGE TWO. LESSON ON TITUS 2:1 Johnson City September 26, 1976

3. CHRISTIANITY A SYSTEM OF DOCTRINE AS WELL AS LIFE.

1. The sound doctrine (right teaching accepted) does several things: 1. It renovates, cleans out, the life.

2. It purifies and elevates the life in which it finds abode.

3. Titus 2:14; "Who gave himself for us..." 1. That he might redeem us from all iniquity 2. And purify unto himself a peculiar

people ...

3. Zealous of good works! 4. Obedience to sound doctrine is purification of the soul:

1. 1 Peter 1:22;

1. "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth. The results: 1. "Unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another ... 2. With a pure heart ferve tly."

2. Sound doctrine is our spiritual menu. 1. It is milk for the babes in Christ. 1 Pet. 2:2; "As new born babes desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby.

2. It is meat for strong, advanced Christians. who are grown and of full age. Heb. 4:8-14

Heb. 5:1-6 3. Every other system than sound doctrine corrupts and bankrupts spiritually.

3. It is the duty of ministers to preach this sound doctrine. Gal. 1:6-97

1. It should be preached with all boldness. 1. 1 Thess. 1:2; "We were bold in our God...

2. It should be preached in kindness yet not

seeking to please men. Gal. 1:10 3. It should be preached in in season and out

of season." 2 Tim. 4:1-5

4. We were gentle among you. 1 Thess 1:7 5. It should be preached in love and compassion

1. 1 Thess. 2:11; "As ye know," Paul said: 1. "How we exhorted and comforted every one of you...

2. And charged every one of you.

3. As a father doth his children,"

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