

COLLEGE HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Study Guide

# Teach The Truth

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## Major Points

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- 1 The church must be a community built on truth, not consumer preferences — God adds to His body as He sees fit and equips believers with spiritual gifts for His glory.**  
*1 Timothy 3:14-15*
- 2 False doctrine is the first threat Paul addresses because it devastates every aspect of church life — twisting how individuals see God, respond to Him, love Him, and carry out ministry.**  
*1 Timothy 1:3-4*
- 3 The goal of true instruction is love from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith — not self-serving speculation or legalistic rule-keeping.**  
*1 Timothy 1:5*
- 4 The Old Testament law was never designed to save — it was given to shut every mouth and reveal that all have sinned, driving people to faith in Christ alone.**  
*Romans 3:19-22*
- 5 The law conforms to the glorious gospel: our sinfulness makes Christ's sacrificial love on the cross all the more magnificent, and the gospel is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe.**  
*Romans 1:16*

## Key Quotes

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- “I feel bad a lot of times. I like to sometimes feel bad, but you can't stay there. You just can't. We have a savior. And we ought to live like we have a savior.”*  
at 1:27
- “Man, when false doctrine comes into a church, it is not innocuous, it's not insignificant, it's not inconsequential, it's actually devastating.”*  
at 17:46
- “So you feed their bellies and they die and go to hell. Do you see how false doctrine works? It impacts the way we do ministry.”*  
at 22:28
- “True doctrine, when taught, says we're going to love our neighbor like we love ourselves and it's going to be hard. It's going to be about loving them when they're not likable.”*  
at 39:19

*"I'd be far more offended by the person who won't tell you the truth about salvation or about hell than I would be about the person that would actually care enough for you to tell you.*

at 54:56

## Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think the Holy Spirit led Paul to address false doctrine as the very first issue of church conduct, rather than starting with love, faithfulness, or forgiveness? What does that priority reveal about the seriousness of doctrinal error?  
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2. The speaker describes how the false teaching that 'everyone goes to heaven' removes the urgency for evangelism. What other popular beliefs today might be quietly undermining the church's mission without people realizing it?  
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3. In 1 Timothy 1:5, Paul says the goal of true instruction is love from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith. How can you tell the difference between teaching that genuinely aims at love and teaching that uses love language to avoid hard truths?  
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4. The sermon emphasizes that many people have become 'consumers of the church' rather than contributors. In what ways have you personally drifted toward a consumer mindset, and what would it look like for you to use your spiritual gifts for the body?  
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5. Paul says the law is good 'provided one uses it legitimately' (1 Timothy 1:8). What is the legitimate use of the law according to this passage, and how does misusing the law actually hinder people from coming to faith in Christ?  
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## Word Studies

## ἑτεροδιδασκαλέω heterodidaskaleo

*Greek*

To teach a different doctrine; to deviate from orthodox or sound teaching. A compound of heteros (another of a different kind) and didaskaleo (to teach). Used in 1 Timothy 1:3 and 6:3, emphasizing that the content taught is qualitatively different from apostolic truth, not merely a minor variation.

*Usage: 2 times*

## ὑγιαίνω hygiaino

*Greek*

To be sound, healthy, wholesome. Used in 1 Timothy 1:10 for 'sound teaching.' The English word 'hygiene' derives from this root. Sound doctrine is presented as that which produces spiritual health, while false teaching is depicted as a disease that corrupts the body of Christ.

*Usage: 12 times*

## ἀνυπόκριτος anypokritos

*Greek*

Without hypocrisy, unfeigned, sincere. Used in 1 Timothy 1:5 to describe the quality of faith that true instruction produces. The word is a negation of hypokrisis (play-acting), indicating faith that is genuine and not performed for an audience.

*Usage: 6 times*

## Cross References

### Titus 1:9-11

Paul gives nearly identical instructions to Titus: an elder must hold firmly to trustworthy teaching so he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it — confirming that silencing false teachers is a universal apostolic priority, not unique to Ephesus.

### Galatians 1:6-9

Paul pronounces a double curse on anyone who preaches a gospel different from what the apostles delivered, demonstrating the extreme seriousness of doctrinal deviation that the sermon emphasizes.

### 2 Peter 2:1-3

Peter warns that false teachers will secretly introduce destructive heresies and exploit believers with fabricated stories — echoing Paul's concern about myths and the devastating impact of false doctrine on the church.

### Deuteronomy 6:4-5

The original Shema command to love the Lord with all heart, soul, and strength that the sermon references through Mark 12:29-31 as the ultimate goal of all true teaching.

### Galatians 3:24

Paul describes the law as a tutor or guardian that leads us to Christ, directly supporting the sermon's point that the law's legitimate purpose is to reveal sin and drive people toward faith, not to provide a path to righteousness through works.

## Further Reading

- **The Truth War: Fighting for Certainty in an Age of Deception**  
*by John MacArthur*
- **Knowing God**  
*by J.I. Packer*
- **Guard the Deposit: Protecting the Gospel in the Last Days**  
*by Albert Mohler*

## Scripture References

REFERENCE	TYPE	TIME	CONTEXT
1 Timothy 1:1-11	Read Aloud	7:20	<i>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of...</i>
1 Timothy 3:14-15	Read Aloud	13:20	<i>I write these things to you, hoping to come to you...</i>
John 11:25-26	Referenced	3:20	
1 Corinthians 12:1-31	Referenced	16:00	
Ephesians 2:19-22	Read Aloud	35:20	<i>So then you are no longer foreigners and strangers...</i>
2 Timothy 3:16-17	Read Aloud	39:10	<i>All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable...</i>
Acts 1:8	Read Aloud	32:30	
Romans 3:19-22	Read Aloud	50:20	<i>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks ...</i>
Mark 12:29-31	Referenced	45:00	
Romans 5:8	Referenced	47:00	
Romans 1:16	Referenced	55:50	
Romans 3:23	Referenced	51:40	