Sound Doctrine Part 2

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[0:00] Hallelujah. We thank God you've tuned into this message by David Entry at Karis Church. No hand can help you with the fulfillment of your destiny but the Word of God. May God's hand align you further into your destiny through this Word.

I want to pick up on a little bit on Sunday because the whole thing is the same thing.

The whole thing is the same thing, repackaged in different ways. Every preacher must have something in common. Every healthy preacher must have something in common. A certain type of understanding that he gives to the audience.

Colossians chapter 1 verse 25. There's something very heavy there but many teachers I've listened to really don't see it quite.

You know that last sentence there or the phrase. One, two, three, four, five, six, last six words. What does it say? You know who's writing this? Paul, he said, I am made a minister according to the dispensation of God which is given.

[1:15] Dispensation of God is the administration of God. God is dispensing himself. And the dispensation of God has been given to somebody so that he dispenses God.

You know, God is the one who does the dispensation. Giving to him. Or another way, New King James says that, in which I became minister according to the stewardship. So it's not mine, it's being translated into me.

You know, so it's the same word, stewardship, dispensation, administration, some translations we use, administrations. And then American Standard, New American Standard Version, it's used stewardship.

English Standard Version, we use a different, also uses stewardship. NIV, maybe we'll use a different word. Okay. The common mission. God has given to me to present you the word of God in its fullness.

Now, see that in its fullness. Look at New American Standard Version. It says that, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God.

[2:17] That's a very interesting, New English Standard Version. There's something that, the way it's rendered. Okay. To make the word of God fully known. And the King James and New King James, how do they put it?

Aha, I think, maybe let's go to, I like that King James will come to that, fulfill. New King James. New King James, fulfill. All right. Let's go to Amplified. Let me see how the Amplifier will put it.

That I might make the word of God fully known amongst you. Amplified puts it just like that. But there's a particular translation for God in which says that to complete the word of God.

So, I've taught you before. It's like, King James, what King James uses is to fulfill the word of God. That's Paul. His mission is to fulfill it.

Some of the translations, the way they put it, it's like to make it fully known. Yes. Yes. But when he said to make it fully known, your mind will go to the act of helping you to get it.

[3:20] More than the act of giving you the full picture. So, Paul was sent to make sure the picture is now complete.

To get fully. Ah! Oh! Okay! Does that make sense? Yes. So, that's why I said to fulfill the word of God. To fulfill the gospel.

This message, this plan of God, that started from Adam. Moses didn't understand it fully. Enoch didn't understand it fully. Not even John the Baptist. The disciples didn't understand it fully.

That is why Jesus will say things and they won't get it. Until the resurrection. After the resurrection, it was like the Old Testament was open to them. That's why Peter could say, this is what was written.

You look at Paul's preaching today. Acts chapter 13. He was explaining all the Old Testament to them because even though they've been reading, it's been closed. So, Bible says that he had opened their understanding.

[4:20] Luke 24, 45. He opened their understanding and he opened it. So, it's closed. He opened their understanding. And Bible says that beginning of Moses, 27. Beginning of Moses and all that.

He explained to them the things concerning himself. So, that's one of the problems of, should I say Christianity. I explained why we have different Christian denominations and sects.

And like so many of them. Because we are all dealing with this one huge thing. And different blind people are holding it. So, it's like, okay, this looks like an arm.

Somebody holds it. So, it's here. Someone. So, it's a mystery. So, in Ephesians chapter 3 verse 7, verse 8, 9. To me, who am less than the least of the saints was this grace given.

Who am less than the least of the saints was this grace given that I should preach among the gentles the unsearchable riches. This soul. You can't. It's inexhaustible riches.

[5:20] Look at the next verse. Verse 9. And to make all men see the fellowship of this mystery. The fellowship. A different translation is the same word. That word fellowship is the same word we saw in Colossians chapter 1.

Administration. Stewardship. Stewardship. Yeah, that's right. Some translations will use stewardship. Other translations will use the administration. Do you have any translation that uses NIV?

NIV. Efficiency. NIV uses the administration of the mystery. The dispensation. Some translations. How does the New American Standard put it and English Standard put it?

New American Standard. English Standard. Okay. Okay. There's administration. English Standard version. Okay. The plan of the mystery. So, what I'm trying to say is that this whole thing is a mystery.

Ephesians chapter 3 verse 2. If you have understood. If you have read of. If you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God given to me. All right. Um.

Given to me towards you. There there verse 3. Look at verse 3. There's a mystery there. How the revelation made known to me. This mystery. So, there's a mystery that has been hidden from generations.

Which, that's why they killed Jesus. Hmm. Do you know who killed Jesus? Is the religious guys who had the oracles of God. John chapter 5. I think there's 47, 49 somewhere there.

It's spoke about. For had you believed Moses, you would have believed me. For a rule. No. The implication is you guys, you don't even believe Moses. Hmm. That's why he's trying to tell them.

They hadn't add dates to what the Torah is saying. And Jesus said, you don't believe Moses. How? But they kept talking to him about Moses.

Moses. Moses. And Jesus said, you don't believe in Moses. Hmm. Jesus told them, you search through the scriptures. And you think you will have eternal life. But the scriptures are talking about. You know, Jesus says that I don't bear witness of myself.

[7:17] Hmm. I'll only bear witness from verse 32. My witness is not true. But there's one that bears witness of me. Then he spoke about John the Baptist. Then he spoke about God himself bears witness of me.

The scriptures bear witness of me. Verse 38. So, there's so many things that bear witness. But you guys don't even know. Hmm. You want to kill me. Even though I'm telling you. You are the Jews. The Jews were committed the oracles of God.

And it took the Jews to kill Jesus. Wow. I see. So, today's reading, verse 27. So, it's what about. They read it every day in Sabbath. But they killed him. Yeah.

Because they didn't know. They didn't know the voice of the prophets. In other words, what the prophets were speaking were in codes. Yeah. It was encrypted. Yeah. It was encrypted. Yeah.

It was encrypted. So, what the prophets were speaking were encrypted. Paul said. Ephesians 3, verse 3 said, how by revelation, now God has made known the mystery.

[8:15] This mystery that people have been reading, they don't know. Even the people who wrote about it didn't have a full understanding of it. Moses wrote what he didn't really have a full understanding of.

Because, why didn't you, especially, I say Moses didn't understand everything he wrote. He wrote things that he didn't have a full knowledge of it. Because, their full picture, not even the days of Jesus did anybody understand it.

That's why he took the resurrection. For them to say, ah! Is this what this thing is about? So, then they went on a sprint, trying to preach Christ, and to explain that this is what the prophets are saying.

But it was still not complete. So, God had to hijack Paul, Saul of Stasis. Saul of Stasis is I'm giving you the responsibility, I'm revealing the secret to you, and I'm giving you the responsibility to complete this whole...

Do you understand that? So, it's one thing, but... So, people come into Christianity and still carry, they have carry over our Buddhist ideology. Hindu ideology.

[9:17] Islam ideology. Catholic ideology. Pentecostal ideology. African traditional religion ideology. American liberalism ideology.

Different, different people. That's why everybody comes to the church, and they are looking inside the Bible to find why they should continue behaving in a certain way. Until discipleship continues, people will carry over.

It was Jews who were hijacking Christianity at its early stages. Not the persecutors, in the church. People who have become born again in the church. They are now, they were importing Judaism into the church.

Unknowingly, with good hearts. Because it's human. Because they didn't have a full picture. Full... The word of God had not been really fulfilled.

So, Paul said, me, I've been given... I've received Colossians 1.25. I received this ministry. That is why a lot of people take Christianity, and some people take the Bible and mishandle it.

[10:24] They will take the Bible and say, oh, this Bible, it has a lot of errors, obviously. Obviously. Obviously. How many of you have read... You know when... Nowadays, I hardly see it, but when...

Is it virus? Goes on a computer, and you open it and all those... Nowadays, it doesn't happen. Does it still happen? It's upgraded. They've upgraded now.

But you know what I'm talking about sometimes. Even pictures. Pictures. Pictures. Pictures you see on computers are full of letters... Ways. Oh no, letters.

Different, different combinations. And it turns into a picture or whatever. I don't know. I'm not into programming, but it's a very interesting thing. Wow. So, most people, when they open the Bible, that's what they see. Then they say, oh, what does this mean?

You... Can you tell me? You mean I can't read it? I can't read it. Yeah, yeah. Your understanding is closed. Because it's Jesus who opened the understanding to understand the scriptures. Yes.

[11:23] So, many people... That's why don't bother about people who say the Bible is like... They target the Bible. Satan's first target is the Bible. As I told you, the most important Christian doctrine is that the Bible is the word of God and every other book is demonic.

Every other book is about a demon. Listen, there are people who grew up, they never knew their mother. They thought their mother was their sister.

People who grew up, they didn't know their mom. They knew their mother. Why? Because it was auntie who raised them. And they called auntie, mama, mama, mama, mama, mama.

From the... Till later in the years, they saw your mom, this is your actual mom. She had been... She traveled to China for a long time. She's back now. And... Ah! And so you can't even feel comfortable going there because you don't know...

You don't know, ma'am. But you always thought it was just true. In the same way, they can present a demon to you, tell you it's God. And for all your years, your life, you think this is God.

[12:26] This is God. This is God. But what I'm saying is, so you come to church. We grew up believing all kinds of things. How many of you grew up believing some stuff? Religious stuff.

It's natural. That one has not got to do with race. Hasn't got to do with education. Everybody got something they believe. The human mind has been designed to believe.

So, when we come into Christ, even if you are Jewish, you are coming with some Jewish baggage. Which is not compatible with the administration of God.

With the plan of God. And so, the only thing that can save us is what is called healthy words. Sound words. Sound doctrine.

Now watch this. Paul, who was given the responsibility to complete the Word of God, wrote from Romans all the way to Philemon.

[13:24] And if you want to have a complete comprehensive understanding about the Gospel of God. A chunk of it is captured in Romans. Now, sorry.

In this Romans, from Romans all the way through Philemon. Paul wrote it. It's mainly about the life of the church and the practice of the church.

Christ. So, it's about... Okay, let me put it this way. It's mainly about Christ and the church. Christ, who is the fullness of God. Colossians chapter 1 verse 19.

It's in him dwelleth. And then chapter 2 verse 9. It's just to please the Father that in him. Talking about... Give me new King James so that him can be changed. All the fullness should dwell.

Wow! Chapter 2 verse 9. Colossians chapter 2 verse 9. I like this. I like this. I like this text. For in him dwells... That's why I like King James because he uses dwelleth. I like the dwelleth.

[14:24] It sounds very powerful. You see what I'm saying? Yeah, I like the dwelleth. In him dwells the fullness of the Godhead. Not the head of God.

Godhead. God the Father, God the Son, God the Father. The fullness physically, bodily, humanly, tangibly, in the material world. If you want to look at...

You want to consider how God looks like in the material world. In the material world. Or in physical terms. Jesus Christ embodies the embodiment.

Yes. He's the embodiment of deity. Physically. So, Christ is the fullness. In him dwells the fullness of God.

And guess what? The church. The church is his fullness. Wow. I know you didn't get it. This is deeper than meets the eye. Ephesians chapter 1 verse 22 and 23.

[15:23] The church is Christ's fullness. He gave... God gave him to be the head of the church, which is his fullness.

The body, his fullness. The church is the fullness. So, if you want to learn Christ, if you want to know more about Christ, don't go outside the church.

You will find it. Now, this is a very strong... The things I'm talking about is so strong Christian. It's Christianly so strong. If you get this and get the biblical perspective of what I'm talking about, you will do well in your work with Christ.

So, the church is the fullness of him that filled all things. You see, verse 23. Let's go. Let's go. Which is his body.

He filled all in all. He filled all in all. Which is his body. He gave him to be the head of the church. Which is his body. So, the church is the body of Christ. And it's the body of Christ. And the church is the fullness of Christ who fills all in all. And the church is the fullness of Christ who fills all in all.

[16:35] You want to know about Christ? Jump into the church. It takes the church to understand the scriptures. It takes the church to understand the scriptures.

It doesn't take intellectual prowess. It takes the church. Get into the church. You remember, I said that you might, that Christ will dwell in your heart by faith.

Ephesians chapter 3, verse 16. That you'll be strengthened with mind by his spirit into your inner man. That Christ will dwell in your heart by faith. That you, being rooted and grounded in love, verse 17, may be able to comprehend with all saints.

So, you can't comprehend alone. This thing is deeper than natural intelligence. It's deeper than natural intelligence and higher than artificial one.

Ephesians chapter 3, verse 16, 17. That you'll be strengthened by mind by his spirit in your inner man. Verse 17. That Christ will dwell in your heart by faith. That being rooted and grounded in love. Verse 18. You may be able to comprehend, not alone.

[17:37] Not alone. With the saints. With all the saints. It takes the saints. You have to be in cononia with the saints to comprehend this thing that is that, it says, and to know the knowledge, the knowledge of Christ or of God.

That, watch this. That to know the knowledge of Christ, which passes knowledge. Can you imagine? Wow. To know what goes beyond knowledge. No, it takes the saints. It takes the spirit of God strengthening you. You being in relation with the saints, cononia with the saints.

And then Christ dwelling in your heart. Then you'll be able to be rooted and grounded in love. Be able to comprehend the head, the length, the breadth, the height. And to know the knowledge of Christ, which surpasses knowledge.

And guess what? And be filled with all the fullness. You are walking around, but you are filled with the fullness of God. Hallelujah. I'm talking about what demon can harass you. You are filled with the fullness of God.

So these things are very important to understand. So the church is the fullness of Christ. Okay. Now, quickly, let me explain this. Paul wrote about Christ and the church.

[18:41] He said, Therefore shall a man leave his father and his father, and shall be cleave to his wife. And Paul, Paul, Paul. I'm talking about Paul's version.

And the two shall become one flesh. And he said, this is a great, in Ephesians 5, verse 32. This is a great mystery. And he said, this mystery, however, I speak concerning Christ and the church.

That's the great mystery of life. Now, Paul was given the revelation to unfold this mystery. To make all men see. Ephesians 3, verse 9. To make all men know.

To make all men see. To make all men see. Ephesians 3, verse 9. To make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery. Ah. What is the workings, the administration of the mystery, which in other ages was hit from men.

Ah. Wow. Which from the beginning of the world was hit in God. So, Adam couldn't have known it. Right. Moses couldn't have known it. He spoke about it.

[19:41] Abraham spoke about it. Amos spoke about it. Isaiah spoke about it. Jeremiah spoke about it. John the Baptist pointed to Jesus. That's him. But even he, himself, he didn't have a comprehensive understanding.

And Paul said, me, this grace has been given. Me, who am the less than less. This grace has been given to make all men see. To make all men see. The revelation. The, the fellowship of this mystery.

So, that's the Paul that stands in a very unique place. Yeah. In life. And in, in the work of God. And this Paul wrote so much. And I said, well, the things he wrote was about Christ and the church.

And so, from, from Romans, from Romans to 2nd Thessalonians, before 1st Timothy, it's all about epistle, epistle, epistle, epistle, epistle, epistle, epistle to, to a group of people.

So, so it goes to Timothy when he begins to write to individuals. So, it's usually called pastoral epistle. But general epistle, or a general epistle, he wrote to Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, the Ephesians, the Philippians, the Colossians, the Thessalonians.

[20:47] All these letters were written today. And you know what he majored on? In that he focused more in these epistles. So, it's about, watch this. He spoke mainly, when he comes to the church, he spoke mainly, Paul the apostle spoke mainly about the life of the church and the practice of the church.

I'm going somewhere. It's very, very important. Follow me very carefully. So, the life of the church. So, from Romans to Thessalonians, it's more about the life of the church.

How we became who we are, the death and how, all these things. What makes the church. So, the nature of the church, the function of the church, the responsibility of the church is all captured from Romans to Thessalonians.

Explaining how the church is, how the church came to be, the nature of the church. The church is, what's the nature of the church? The constituent component of the church is sinners who are washed by the blood. Both Jews and Gentiles.

So, then from first Timothy, from Timothy all the way to Philemon, he focuses on the practice of the church. Now, when you talk about the practice of the church, you are talking about the administration and pastoring of the church.

[22:04] So, that is what, in Acts chapter 6, Peter said, these are two essential things about the practice of the church. You can't practice church outside of administration of the church and pastoring the church.

But, because there are two heavy weight things that, when you get born again, now you are in the church. What next? How do we steer this thing towards the purpose of God?

How do we steer it? It takes administration. That's why, so that, when you come to church, you have a seat. When we are preaching, there is sound. When we are going outreach, we say, okay, tomorrow we are all going outreach.

Where? Someone will tell us where we are going. These are, these are, these are all administration. When someone is sick, someone needs help, the church must be there to help.

When someone needs direction, the church, when is your wedding? We will come. Unless you do it on a weekday where other people are going to work. So, that, what I am talking about is part of church admin, church administration.

[23:11] That's why we have to install or commission some ministers, commission some pastors. What is the point of privileges without responsibilities? They must be responsibility.

They must be responsibility. But administration. So, from first Timothy through to Philemon, it was more of church pastoring and church administration.

Now, that is how you can practice the church. You can practice. That's why some people, they don't want to be in church. They don't want no one calling them. You do your own thing. You are not practicing church life.

As soon as you get into church, you are somebody's responsibility. And you also carry responsibility of how you, your attitude towards church. Else you are not practicing Christian life. You cannot have an independent Christian life.

As soon as you can't be a Christian, you lose your independence. Praise the Lord. So, if someone gets you on, let me go back to the text. Now, watch this. So, when Paul started Timothy, first Timothy chapter one verse three, he had to introduce the things that can deal with the root cause or the source or the seed for church dissension.

[24:24] Or church degradation. The church, what would make the church enter into degradation, the church would enter into decline. Paul had to deal with this right from the beginning of Timothy because that's the practice of the church life.

So, first Timothy chapter one verse three, first Timothy chapter one verse three says that, As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine.

That's where the church decline starts from. No other doctrine. That's how we say that together. No other doctrine. No other doctrine. These are dissenting people.

D-I-S-S-E-N-T. Dissent. Dissent. They have different opinion, different, and they are about to inject it into church.

And, for the church to stay safe and healthy, we have to watch out, mount God, against things that distract from the centrality of Christ, and the fullness of Christ in the church.

[25:39] how the church is and it's all is not just about practice your practice is at the mercy of your doctrine yes the reason why you behave the way you behave is what you believe that things you believe is what makes you be the way I mean nobody I someone said some I think some music but why why is it that it must be always be what the pastor says is because of what do I understand why you are talking about that because of the way what what you believe your belief system belief system so right from there watch this it says that neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies which minister questions rather than godly edifying which is in fact some teaching the purpose of our teaching must be able to minister godly edifying you feel something has built you in god something is building you in god charging you in god but the dissenting ones that different teaches is talk about if I said different things they teach different things it's interesting we can be going to church and that's what is happening in some churches that different things are not being taught different things are being taught from fundamental basics or the fundamental tenets of Christianity different things and those things can be introduced by well-meaning people but they don't know what the church is about they don't know what the true doctrine is about so he said that you I'm leaving you in great that you charge some I leave you in Ephesus when I went to that you you might charge some that they teach no other doctrine that I don't give heed to fables and endless genealogies which minister questions rather than godly education now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart and a good conscience and of faith on faith from which some having swear that have turned aside on to the vane and keep preach and to talk about it's webbed it's webbed they're all purpose of teaches they missed it and Bible said there's something called vane babblings it's preaching vice vane it's vane then when you go to the vestine there's something strong there and in vestavia and I have to pick up again vestine says that for all it doesn't make sense to you go to vestine knowing this that the law is not made for righteous men but for lawless and disobedience for the ungodly for sinners for unholy and profane for murderers of fathers and murderers of mother for manslayers for vestine for them that defile themselves with mankind some other translation we use for homosexuals but that's that's other translation any different sodomites who's a sodomite sodomite is like bible says they burn men burning for men the first place we saw in record is sodom and gomorrah where in sodom where the angels they were men they came to visit lot and the guy said hey some guys have come the men of it they said bring the guys here we want to eat these guys and lot said lot said no it's not right to do that genesis 19 it's not right to do that don't do that i have girls in my house let me bring them to you let me bring them girls they said no we want the men see i have two daughters who have not known a man please let me bring them out to you and you may do to them as you wish only do nothing to these men

since this this is the reason that they have come under why they have come because they are not coming you are coming to eat them look at verse seven it's in your bible verse seven lot went out okay verse five five five five okay and they called out to lot and said to him where are the men who have come to you tonight bring them out to us that we may know them carnally do you know what that means new living translation that's in sodom yes bring them in we want to know them yes bring them out so that we can know them and new living translate now maybe even a message how does message okay go go to that's the new living translation the next verse new living so lot stepped outside and talked to them shutting the door behind him he went and shut the door before they come what did he say to them please brothers he begged don't do such a wicked thing yeah look i have two virgin daughters he was willing to raise his virgin for them because that is the natural cost of things them allowing this man to do what is not natural he said don't go there don't go to what is not leave these men alone for they are my guests and are under my protection please so when we talk about sodomites that's what it means yes first timothy chapter one verse 10 listen i'm just reading the bible i'm not i'm i'm i'm just reading the bible christians 10 16 but they have not obeyed the gospel those ones it says in second second the thessalonians chapter one verse seven to nine says that when you can come with vengeance second tessana and you know it says that jesus christ said you in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know god or those who do not do what obeyed they obey not the gospel of our lord jesus christ for warmongers for fornicators is that now anytime you see that thing that's what it means what the the guys did in sodomo and gomera they wanted to do to lord's quests give us an niv niv for adulterers and perverts for slave traders and liars and perjurers and for whatsoever else is contrary to sound of any other or any other these are normally contrary sound of but there will be other ones that might not be mentioned whatsoever else is sound contrary to sound look at the next verse and i end on that verse 11. according to the glorious gospel of the blessed god which was committed to my trust the things that we are teaching must be in accordance to the glorious gospel of the blessed god this is what is called sound doctrine sound doctrine sound doctrine now why did i talk about sound doctrine anything that diverts from sound doctrine anything that moves away from sound doctrine only degrades the church that's why peter said we can't we can't leave the word of god because once we leave the word of god and only focus on the other important thing the administration but the word of god administration the word of god is more important if we leave the teaching of the word of god and focus on administration with time we will only be administering what satan has taken over the only thing that can protect the church from degrading from degradation from from deterioration when you leave a house for a long time no one lives in it and no one goes there the house will

deteriorate to dilapidate the only thing that protects the church from dilapidation the source and the seed for church dilapidation for the church deterioration is diverged moving away from the sound and healthy ways you can't talk about health where there's no life life anytime mention hell we are talking about life the church has life and the only thing that can keep it healthy are healthy ways sound doctrine and what are some doctrine anything that is in line with what the apostles focus on which is the centrality of christ and the church has the fullness of christ those are the things so when you become born again the rest of your life must be spent understanding this mystery unfolding uncovering this mystery this mystery of god and the mystery of christ mystery of god which is christ mystery of christ which is the church we all our life we spend knowing this when you are genuine christian the more you know about this thing the more you feel something when you are praying you you feel even humble before god there's something that it cannot be explained it said it said joy um speak joy of your first peter chapter one verse eight joy unspeakable full of glory somebody say joy unspeakable full of glory and you realize that almost all the things the new testament teaches is all pointing to the same thing all the different different type of dishes new testament has to do one common thing of the bible is god's plan god's plan from adam to revelation god has always planned one thing and the plan was that he become man and save us and we become his representation on this earth his counterpart habitation thank you for listening to this message by david entry we pray you have been strengthened and enlightened you can connect with david entry on all relevant social media platforms including instagram and linkedin you can also hear more messages from david entry on all relevant streaming platforms and the caris church app don't forget to like and share the message be blessed