

They're (We're) Not Sound Because Of Getting Most Things Right

I. Introduction:

A. What does it mean to “be sound” (**Psalms 119:80** and **Titus 1:13**) or “sound in teaching” (**Proverbs 2:6-7**, **Proverbs 3:21**, **Titus 1:5-9**, and **Titus 2:1-2**)?

1. The word sound, as used in the verses above, means: “entire; without blemish... sound health; well; uncorrupt” (Strong’s #’s 8549 [Hebrew]; 5198 [Greek]).

2. Consider these Scriptures: **II Timothy 1:13** and **II Timothy 4:1-5**

3. Regarding being uncorrupt (**Ephesians 4:22**).

B. Some Scriptures that use the same Greek word as translated “sound” in **II Timothy 1:13** and **Titus 2:1-2**...

1. “Whole” (**Luke 5:31**).

2. “Wholesome” (**I Timothy 6:3**).

3. “Health” (**III John 1:2**).

II. Body: A person or congregation is not sound, whole, spiritually healthy, because they have SOME things right (**Luke 4:4**, **James 2:10-12**, **I John 2:3-6**, and **Revelation 2:18-20**).

A. The Pharisees had some things right and would even defend those things (**Acts 23:7-8**)?

1. Yet, they rejected the counsel of God (**Luke 7:29-30**).

2. They were full of hypocrisy (**Matthew 23:27-28**).

3. They stood in the way of people obeying God (**John 12:42**).

B. Was the congregation in Ephesus right because they had most things right (**Revelation 2:1-7**)?

1. They rightfully tested false brethren and exposed those that were such (**I John 4:1** and **Romans 16:17-18**).

2. They worked hard spiritually (**I Corinthians 15:58**).

3. Yet, they failed in the relationship they ought to have had with the Lord, which is rooted in love (**Mark 12:29-30**).

a. Love is shown through obedience (**I John 5:2-3**).

b. However, just going through faithful actions doesn’t do the job fully (**I Corinthians 13:1-3**).

C. The Apostles were instructed to teach all nations all things Christ wanted of us (**Matthew 28:18-20**).

1. We need to continue in those things (**Acts 2:42**).

2. This is how we walk pleasing to God (**I Thessalonians 4:1-2**).

D. We do nothing if we just get the “core things” right (**Matthew 23:23**).

1. Churches of Christ that are “5” action based are limited in 100’s of other things...

a. “Five steps of salvation”, but no counting the cost (**Luke 14:25-33**), teaching real repentance (**Acts 26:20**), etc.

- b. Getting “sing” instead of “play” right (**Ephesians 5:19**), but not understanding the words they sing (**I Corinthians 14:15**) or teaching truth in song (**Colossians 3:16**).
 - c. Baptism for remission of sins (**Acts 2:38**), but not teaching CONVERSION (**Acts 3:19** and **Romans 6:1-18**).
2. What good is having the right worship, the right version of the Bible, the right preacher, and not living the right ways (**Philippians 2:14-16**)?
 3. What good is “hard preaching” without righteous living (**Titus 2:10-14**)?
 4. What good is teaching against false doctrines but never learning the meat of the word (**Hebrews 5:12-6:3**)?
 5. What good is it to be confidently wrong (**Romans 10:1-3**)?

III. Conclusion: God wants entire, whole, faithfulness individually (**Colossians 1:10** and **Titus 2:7-8**) and collectively (**Ephesians 5:25-27**).