

Guidelines used to determine sound doctrine

**In studying the Bible remember the order of the guidelines below. The written Word must always come first because it cannot be effected by culture, circumstance or our personal thoughts and emotions.*

1) Does it bear witness with the testimony of the Scriptures?

2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. NKJV

2 Tim 3:16 The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. 17 It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone. TLB

2 Cor 13:1 This will be the third time I am coming to you. "By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established." NKJV

2 Cor 13:1 This is the third time that I am coming to you. From the mouth of two or three witnesses will every word be made certain. BBE

John 8:31 So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples. 32 And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free. AMP

2) Does it bear witness with the testimony of the Holy Spirit?

1 John 5:6 This is He Who came by (with) water and blood [His baptism and His death], Jesus Christ (the Messiah)--not by (in) the water only, but by (in) the water and the blood. And it is the [Holy] Spirit Who bears witness, because the [Holy] Spirit is the Truth. 7 So there are three witnesses in heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one; 8 and there are three witnesses on the earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree [are in unison; their testimony coincides]. AMP

3) Does it bear witness with the testimony of your spirit?

2 Cor 11:4 For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough. NIV

1 John 2:20 The Holy One has anointed you, so all of you have knowledge. GWT

1 John 2:27 The anointing you received from Christ lives in you. You don't need anyone to teach you something else. Instead, Christ's anointing teaches you about everything. His anointing is true and contains no lie. So live in Christ as he taught you to do. GWT