

## PREACHING 'GRACE' IN A POST-MODERN CULTURE

- What is 'truth'? Truth is ... / What is post-modernism? Postmodernism is ...

### I. EXAMINING PAUL'S PAST EVANGELISTIC PREACHING IN A PAGAN CULTURE (1 Cor. 2:1-5)

#### A. His MISSIONARY PERSISTENCE. (2:1a)

1. Paul recalls his past \_\_\_\_\_ to Corinth.

2. Paul recalls his past coming to Corinth \_\_\_\_\_.

- What can we learn from this? That \_\_\_\_\_ wants to use \_\_\_\_\_ corporately or alone to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the lost as He leads you personally, and not wait for the unsaved to come to you. But remember, you are never really \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Matt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5-6)

#### B. His METHOD of PREACHING . (2:1b)

1. Negatively – He did not come with \_\_\_\_\_  
or of human \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Positively – He did come \_\_\_\_\_ a needed message as a \_\_\_\_\_,  
not a philosopher.

- What can we learn from this? That God wants to use believers like a \_\_\_\_\_  
in a courtroom, not as a \_\_\_\_\_ in a classroom, to \_\_\_\_\_  
His message without apology regardless of the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### C. His MESSAGE of PREACHING. (2:1c-2)

1. Paul message is described here as \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Paul's message is also described as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Paul's message is further defined as \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor.15:1-11)

- What does the context and content of the Gospel involve?
  - a. Its *context*: THE \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Its *content*:
    - (1) A specific person: \_\_\_\_\_, who is \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ flesh.
    - (2) A specific work: "that Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He \_\_\_\_\_ the third day according to the Scriptures, and He was seen ..."

(3) **A specific accomplishment:** “that Christ died \_\_\_\_\_”.

(4) **A specific response:** to \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ alone for eternal salvation or eternal life as He is presented in the Gospel apart from works, law, or ritual. (15:2,11; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 4)

- What are some of the wrong responses to the Gospel today?
- What can we learn from this? **That the preaching of the \_\_\_\_\_ is always \_\_\_\_\_, yet it is the message that God uses to \_\_\_\_\_ those that \_\_\_\_\_.**

#### D. His MANNER of PREACHING. (2:3-4)

1. It involved a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ due to human weakness, a characteristic that has accompanied all faithful preachers of the Word of God over the centuries.
2. It involved a total disavowal of reliance upon \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Why is this important to remember? **Because we must do \_\_\_\_\_ will, \_\_\_\_\_ way, according to \_\_\_\_\_ Word, through \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit, for \_\_\_\_\_ glory, leaving he results with \_\_\_\_\_. Remember that Jesus Christ did not ask you to build the church; He said that He will! (Matthew 16:18)**
3. It involved a demonstration of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ using the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the human heart.
  - Why is this critical to realize? **To show that the \_\_\_\_\_ power must always supplant the \_\_\_\_\_ weakness and \_\_\_\_\_ the lost of the truth of the Gospel.**

#### E. His MOTIVE in PREACHING. (2:5)

1. Paul’s purpose in preaching in this manner and method was “that your \_\_\_\_\_ should \_\_\_\_\_ be in the \_\_\_\_\_ but in the \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. Paul’s purpose was consistent with his previous statements “that \_\_\_\_\_ flesh should \_\_\_\_\_ in His presence” (1:29), “as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory \_\_\_\_\_.” (1:31)
  - What must we not forget in our evangelistic preaching? **That regardless of the \_\_\_\_\_, God blesses the clear and direct \_\_\_\_\_ to bring the lost to faith in Christ as Savior! So we must be \_\_\_\_\_ in preaching it, trusting the power of the \_\_\_\_\_ to use it in human hearts.**