

POINT: CONNECT! IN ORDER TO BLESS (see Mt.28:19; 1Cor.9:19-23)

INTRODUCTION: CONNECTION NEC. FOR COMMUNICATION & CONVERSION (Rm.10:17)

I. CONNECT! EXAMPLE IN PAUL (1Cor.9:19-23; see Phil.3:17; 2Th.3:7,9; 1Tm.4:12)

- A. MEMBERSHIP (23:1,6; see 22:1)
- B. CONVICTIONS (23:6-8,9b)
- C. RELATIONSHIPS (23:6-8)
- D. LANGUAGE (21:37; 22:2; see 2:11)
- E. PASSIONS (22:3; see Rom.10:2)
- F. INTERESTS (17:22,23; see Phil.3:12f)
- G. HUMANITY (14:15f)
- H. SUMMARY: COMMON DENOMINATOR (see 1Cor.9:19-23)

II. CONNECT! EXAMPLES IN RELIGION

- A. RPCNA: Psalms, *a cappella*; mediatorial kingship; Covenanter history (e.g., Hunter house)
- B. NAPARC: Reformed theology, Presbyterian government
- C. REFORMED BAPTIST; REFORMED EPISCOPAL (ANGLICAN): Reformed theology
- D. EVANGELICALS: inspiration & infallibility of the Bible; substitutionary atonement, new birth & life
- E. PENTECOSTALS-CHARISMATICS: Person & Ordinary Work of the Holy Spirit
- F. ROMAN CATHOLICS: Trinity, sin & salvation, real presence of Christ (Lord's Supper), good works, salt & light
- G. ORTHODOX: Person & Work of Christ (ecumenical creeds); supernaturalism vs. rationalism
- H. CULTS: the Bible; Ten Commandment morality
- I. JEWS: the Old Testament, esp. The Law (Gen-Deut.)
- J. MUSLIMS: monotheism; Ten Commandment morality
- K. RELIGIOUS: theism, deism (see Acts 17:22f)
- L. SECULAR HUMANISTS: concern for [neighbor] self (see Mt.22:39)

III. CONNECT! EXAMPLES IN GENERAL

- A. WORK: (un)employment; trade, field, profession
- B. COMMUNITY: neighborhood, town, county, etc.
- C. FAMILY: spouse, children, siblings, parents; pets
- D. PLAY: sports, music, art, gardening, politics
- E. STORY: birth, youth, education; joys, sorrows; hopes, fears

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Discussion question:

Brethren, what shall WE do? (see Acts 2:37f)