

PREACHING THAT WILL CONVICT THE WORLD OF SIN

John 16:8

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INTRODUCTION

1. "And he, when he is come, will convict the world in respect of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment;"
2. Preaching that will convict the world of sin must have certain characteristics.
3. Let us look at some of them:
 - I. **PREACHING THAT WILL CONVICT THE WORLD OF SIN IS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT: TEXT**
 - a. HOW is this preaching received from the Holy Spirit? *Directly or Indirectly?*
 - b. There are two ideas in the religious world.
 - c. Some preachers today claim to receive their message directly from the Holy Spirit.
 - i. The Holy Spirit stopped giving men God's message directly when His message was *completed* – I Cor. 13: 8 – 12; James 1: 25.
 - d. The *Apostles* received their message *directly* – Matt. 10:19; Mark 13:11; Acts 2:4; Gal. 1:12; Eph. 3:5; John 16:13.
 - e. *Preachers today* receive the gospel *INDIRECTLY* – I John 5:13; John 20: 30 – 31; I Pet. 4:11; 2 Tim. 2:15; I Tim. 4:13.
 - II. **PREACHING THAT WILL CONVICT THE WORLD OF SIN IS PREACHING THAT EMPHASIZES THE MESSAGE AND NOT THE MESSENGER.**
 - a. Gospel preaching *was not committed to angels*, but to *men* – 2 Cor. 4:76; Matt. 28:19 – 20:
 - i. God wanted nothing to hinder the message; no doubt angels would have hindered.
 - ii. God wanted *the message emphasized* and *not the messenger*.
 - iii. This is *a lesson preachers need to learn* – I Cor. 3:7; 4:6; Rom. 12:3.
 - b. Great men of the past emphasized the message and not the messenger:
 - i. John the Baptist emphasized his message – Matt. 3: 1 – 3.
 - ii. Paul emphasized the message – I Cor. 2:1 – 5; 1:23; 9:16.
 - iii. Jeremiah in the Old Testament – Jer. 1:10.
 - c. ILLUSTRATION: Sick man healed – does he praise the *bottle* or the *medicine*? The preacher is the *bottle* and the gospel is the *medicine*.
 - III. **PREACHING THAT WILL CONVICT THE WORLD OF SIN IS PREACHING THAT DEALS WITH SIN AS A REALITY:**
 - a. Sin exists as a *fact* – Eccl.7:20 "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not"
 - i. Rom. 3:23; I John 3:4; 1: 8 – 10
 - b. Sin brings death – Rom. 6:23.
 - c. The Bible deals with sin as an awful reality – Matt. 1:21; Rev. 1:5; Luke 19:10.
 - IV. **PREACHING THAT WILL CONVICT THE WORLD OF SIN *MUST DEAL WITH SIN IN PARTICULAR* – BE SPECIFIC:**
 - a. Preachers did this kind of preaching in New Testament times:
 - i. Peter on Pentecost – Acts 2: 22 – 23.
 - ii. Stephen – Acts 7: 51 – 60.
 - iii. Paul before Felix – Acts 24: 24 – 25.
 - iv. John before Herod – Matt. 14: 4 – 12.

- b. ILLUSTRATION: Call a doctor and he says that we have pneumonia. We don't want medicine for Malaria.
 - c. We must set forth first principles, and all the doctrine of Christ and godly living – Acts 20:27.
- V. **PREACHING THAT WILL CONVICT THE WORLD OF SIN MUST SET FORTH THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN:**
- a. Sin is very deceptive in its nature – Heb. 3: 12 -13.
 - b. Sin deceives people into thinking that if a thing is popular, it loses some of *its evil tendencies*:
 - i. Divorce for any cause and remarriage – Matt. 19:9; 5:32.
 - ii. Immodest dress in all forms – Matt.5:28; I Tim. 2:9.
 - iii. Drinking and drugs – Gal. 5: 20 – 21; Eph. 5:18.
 - iv. Dancing and Petting – Gal. 5:19.
 - v. Gambling.
 - c. The *wages of sin is death* – Rom. 6:23
 - i. The man that does the sinning does the paying.
 - ii. Work for the devil, then pays his own wages.

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