

The Kind of Preaching that is Needed, and the Kind that is Not Needed

Or

A Look at Preaching from a Negative and Positive Standpoint

I Corinthians 1:21

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Introduction

1. In this lesson we want to discuss Preaching because preaching plays a *vital role* in the *growth* of the church.
2. “As the pulpit goes, so goes the church”
 - a. Strong preaching – a strong church.
 - b. Weak preaching – a weak church.
 - c. The *kind* of preaching a church *receives* is very important to *the welfare of the church*.
- I. **Preaching that Won’t Build a Strong Church**
 - a. **Preaching to *Please Man***
 - i. When a preacher preaches for *wealth, praise, and power* he will preach *what people want to hear* – Tit. 1:11; 2 Pet. 2:3.
 - ii. Such preachers have *no place* in the pulpit.
 - iii. They love the praise of men more than the praise of God – John 12:42 – 43; Jer. 5: 31; 6:14.
 - iv. Paul did not preach to *please men* – Gal. 1:10; I Tim. 6:11.
 - b. **Preaching a *Compromised Gospel***
 - i. Some compromise *with the world* – I John 2: 15 – 17.
 - ii. Some compromise with *Denominationalism* – 2 John 9 – 11.
 - iii. Compromise on *current issues in the church* – I Tim. 4: 1 – 6.
 - iv. Paul did not compromise – Gal. 2: 1 – 5; 2: 11 – 16.
 - c. **Preaching *Human Wisdom***
 - i. Too much preaching today is filled with *Psychology and Philosophy*.
 - ii. You hear many sermons with *hardly any scripture*.
 - iii. These sermons are *witty, entertaining, but lacking in Bible teaching* – 2 Tim. 4:4 “*tickling the ears*”.
 - iv. Let us hear Paul: I Cor. 1:21 – 24; I Cor. 2:1 – 5; I Cor. 2:13; 2 Cor. 4:5.
 - d. **Preaching Nearly Always *NEGATIVE* or Always *POSITIVE*:**
 - i. A preacher needs to balance his preaching – 2 Tim. 3:16; 4:2.
 - ii. *Error and Sin* will thrive on *exclusively* Positive Preaching.
 - e. **Preaching *Hobbies***
 - i. Just preaching on some subjects and not on others.
 1. Plan of Salvation
 2. Denominationalism
 3. Institutionalism
 4. Christian living
 - ii. The Pharisees – Matt. 23: 23
 - f. **Preaching *Extreme or Radical Views***

- i. Preaching “no Sunday night observance” of the Lord’s Supper
- ii. No Bible literature
- iii. Women in business meetings
- iv. Preaching “all women must wear a covering”
- v. Etc.

II. Preaching that Will Build a Strong Church

a. Preaching that *Preaches the Word*

- i. “*Preach the word*” – 2 Tim. 4:2
- ii. The disciples in Jerusalem “*went everywhere preaching the Word*” – Acts 8:4.
- iii. Paul preaching the gospel – Rom. 1: 15 – 16; I Cor. 15:1 – 4.
- iv. Only the WORD or GOSPEL can make us what God wants us to be.
 - 1. It produces Faith – Rom. 10:17
 - 2. It Saves – James 1:21; Rom. 1: 16
 - 3. It Builds up – Acts 20: 32
 - 4. It Furnishes us unto all Good Works – 2 Tim. 3:16 – 17.

b. The *Manner of Preaching*

- i. Be *ready always* to Preach – 2 Tim. 4:2
- ii. *Adapt* the preaching to the Needs of the Hearers – 2 Tim. 4:2
- iii. Be *Patient* and *Longsuffering* – 2 Tim. 4:2
- iv. Be *Bold* and *Aggressive* – Acts 4:13; 4: 18 – 20; I Thess. 2:2; 2 Cor. 3:12.
- v. Be *Respectful toward the Authority of God’s Word* – I Pet. 4:11.
- vi. Be Motivated by *Love* – Eph. 4:15

III. CONCLUSION