

Why Preach?

"For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God." Acts 20:27
(New King James Version)

Should churches be _____ driven? Why continue to preach?

The Biblical Concept Of Preaching

A. Biblical statements regarding the reason for preaching:

1. Titus 1:3 - God has _____ His word through _____.
 2. 1 Corinthians 2 - Paul elaborates on the practice:
 - a. vv. 6-8 - Paul didn't use the _____ of the world, but _____'s wisdom.
 - b. vv. 9-11 - God's _____ are too _____ for us. But He has _____ some of them through the _____.
 - c. vv. 12,13 - Paul spoke using _____ which the _____ taught him.
 3. God's desire to reason with man:
 - a. Isaiah 1:18 - "Come now, and let us _____ together."
 - b. Romans 12:2 - We are to be _____ by the _____ of our _____.
 - c. People sometimes communicate through _____. But God seeks to work through our _____.
- B. 1 John 1:5 - John _____ the _____ he had heard from _____. That's the concept of preaching.

Preaching In Season And Out Of Season

A. 2 Timothy 4:1-5 - Paul warned of a time when people wouldn't _____ sound _____. Timothy was charged to _____ the word anyway.

B. Preaching has often been unpopular:

1. Jeremiah 26:2-3,8 - "Do not _____ a _____," God told him. After he preached, they wanted to _____ him.
2. Micah 2:11 - Should he have preached about _____?
3. 1 Corinthians 1:21 - The world considered the gospel to be _____. But it _____ God to use this message.

C. Preaching the gospel must continue:

1. Romans 1:15,16 - It is God's _____ to _____.
2. Acts 20:26,27 - He had _____ God's _____ counsel.

1 Peter 2:2,3 - Like _____, we need the _____ milk of the _____.

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