

PRESSING ON

OBJECTIVES FOR 2011

“Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”

- 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

1. God's Function

- a. We should not compete with market-driven Christianity
- b. God's way of intervening: Bible, faith, salvation, Spirit
- c. God's message: the mystery of Christ – Eph 3:4
- d. God's task: make all men see ... - Eph 3:9, 1 Tim 2:4
- e. The primary element of real change: the mystery of Christ

2. The Need for the Mystery

- a. The need is great. The hour is late. It has been over 1900 years!
- b. We have seen the Bible corrupted - 2 Cor 2:17
- c. It is now a place for inspiring quotes. – “not word's of man's wisdom” - 1 Cor 2:4
- d. Civilizations are built upon tilted theology – “manifest destiny”
- e. God can and has won wars – but is he fighting Christians vs. Muslims?
- f. The kingdom has not arrived. – “Joy to the world, the Lord has come”
- g. Pentecost has not happened since! – latter rain, third wave, fourth wave, etc...
- h. The Reformation unleashed faith, and the same time Calvinism takes it away
- i. America is not apostate, it is just unsaved: salvation obscured
- j. Salvation is... Jesus, love, hope, caring, environmentalism, really?
- k. The biggest proponents of binding people in laws are Christians! (on both sides)
- l. Where the spirit of the Lord is there is liberty - Gal 5:1, 2 Cor 3:17

3. You are the Steward

- a. The thoughts of the wise are vain – 1 Cor 3:20
- b. You have God's manifold wisdom – Eph 3:10
- c. You are the steward; you are one in a million! - 1 Cor 4:1-2 (1 Kings 19:18)
- d. All we need to do is be who we are (in Christ) – Col 3:10

4. You are not Judged – 1 Cor 2:15

- a. ...But we should redeem the time. – Eph 5:16
- b. Success:
 - i. Your understanding increased. – Phil 1:9-11
 - ii. The word working in you effectually – Phm 6
 - iii. In the end charity: love to benefit others with the truth – 1 Tim 1:5
 - iv. Our numbers increased last year, but numbers is not the goal.
 - v. We need to press on in 2011.