

# Fundamentals Of The Church

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## Worshiping In Preaching

(Ro 10:14-15)

### INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning
    - a. Greeting...
  2. Series of lessons on "Fundamentals Of The Church"
    - a. The building blocks of the Lord's church.
  3. We have been looking at a sub-series to this "Acts Of Worship"
    - a. We have looked at...
      - i. Praying, Singing, the Lord's Supper, and Giving.
    - b. This morning we will look at "Preaching."
  4. My hope is to show the biblical thought process for preachers and thus their sermons.
- I. **Preach The Whole Counsel** (Ac 20:27)
- A. That means the "hot topics"
    1. Ethical issues
      - i. Gambling
        - a. **Co 3:5** "Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and **covetousness, which is idolatry.**"
          1. **Ro 13:9**
        - b. Gambling is by definition coveting what others have...no one wants to lose their money but grow it...by others loosing it.
      - ii. Social Drinking
        - a. **Pr 23:31** "**Do not look on** the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it swirls around smoothly"
        - b. **Ep 5:18** "**And do not be drunk with wine**, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit"
          1. Literally means do not that which leads to becoming drunk.
      - iii. Gluttony
        - a. **Ph 3:19** "whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame— who set their mind on earthly things."
        - b. **Pr 23:21** "For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, And drowsiness will clothe a man with rags."
        - c. Gluttony is making food your god. It is not being skinny or even being within "today's" medically considered ideal weight.
          1. If one focuses on food only and makes it their god then they are a glutton and thus are not functioning in the Lord's work efficiently or ignoring the Lord for foods sake which is sinful.

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- iii. Tobacco use
  - a. **I Co 6:19-20** "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."
  - b. **I Pt 1:13** "Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ"
  - c. It's not like there is any question to whether or not tobacco is addictive, it is addictive (**I Pt 1:13**). There is no question to whether it is bad for the body...just read the surgeon general's warning (**I Co 6:19-20**). Thus it is wrong like every other form of sin.
- 2. Moral issues
  - i. Abortion/Euthanasia
    - a. **Ro 1:29-32** "being filled with all unrighteousness...murder...32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them."
  - ii. Divorce & Remarriage
    - a. **Mt 19:9** "And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery."
- B. That means the "foundational topics"
  - 1. Death, burial, resurrection
    - i. **I Co 15:3-4** "For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures"
- C. And everything in-between
  - 1. **Ac 20:27** "For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God."
- E. This is not easy for any preacher on an intellectual bases.
  - 1. You have your babes in Christ listening.
    - i. **He 5:12-14**
  - 2. You have your seasoned in Christ listening.
    - i. **Ac 17:11**
  - 3. You have your unfaithful in Christ listening.
    - i. **Ga 6:1**
  - 4. You have your non-Christians listening.
    - i. **Ac 2:37**

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## II. Preach In Season & Out Of Season (II Ti 4:2)

- A. In season - scripturally pleasing congregation (Rv 3:7-13) (Philadelphia)
  - 1. When things are good sermons are a joy to produce and deliver
  - 2. People are "doing" the work w/ joy and eagerness.
- B. Out of season - scripturally wavering congregation (Rv 3:14-22) (Laodicea)
  - 1. When things are tough sermons must still be preached.
    - i. To many sermons "let" things slide.
    - ii. To many sermons become sermonets.
  - 2. Toes and egos must not be worried about.
    - i. Sermons must be blunt & to the point during these times.
    - ii. Shame on preachers for skirting around issues.
      - a. That would includes me or any other preacher!!!
    - iii. We can't tell ourselves to "cover" a issue through "other issues"
      - a. In other words teaching about problems through "covert" means.
  - 3. Jesus did not "mix" words with the Jews.
    - i. **Mt 12:34** "**Brood of vipers!** How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks."
    - ii. **Mt 23:27-28** "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you are like **whitewashed tombs** which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, **but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.** 28 Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are **full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.**"
  - 4. Paul did not "mix" words with even Peter.
    - i. **Ga 2:11** "Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I **withstood him to his face**, because he was **to be blamed**"
  - 5. God did not "mix" words with anyone. (II Ti 3:16-17)
    - i. **I Co 6:9-11** "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And **such were some of you.** But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."
  - 6. Was Jesus, Paul, or God not loving when these things were done and said?
    - i. Rarely is Christ or God said to be unloving.

## III. Preach In A Biblical Manor (II Ti 4:2)

- A. Reproving
  - 1. This means to bring to attention & thus expose the problem.
    - i. To bring it out in the open not run from it.
    - ii. Sermons are to expose the weakness of a congregation.
  - 2. **Rv 3:19** "Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent." (ESV)

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- B. Rebuking
  - 1. This means to literally "censure severely" that which has been exposed.
    - i. Sin is wrong and brings death.
      - a. **Ro 6:23** "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
    - ii. Sin must not be tolerated but severely reprimanded, why?
      - a. **I Jn 2:4** "He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."
- C. Exhortation
  - 1. This means to encourage & strengthen.
    - i. A sermon ought to not only expose and censure but then encourage and strengthen.
    - ii. It does no good to know what the shortcomings are and how bad they are in the sight of God if one is not told how to correct the situation.
      - a. All should find encouragement in learning "how" to overcome sin.
  - 2. A congregation that loves righteous loves the truth and is encouraged by it no matter what.
    - i. **I Th 5:11** "Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing."

## CONCLUSION

- 1. Preaching and thus sermons are not about how "entertaining" a preacher can make them
  - a. Anybody can get up and tell jokes and stories that are most "entertaining," that's not preaching.
    - i. Illustration - Uncle-in-law sent me a video of a denominational preacher who through the who clip used no scripture but told many jokes and stories and was very funny. Within the email the note with the video was "I want to go to that guys church."
    - ii. I am not saying that a sermon can't have a joke or a story, it's just that can't be the focus of it
  - b. The pure, undefiled, Word of God is all that is needed brothers and sisters, ladies and gentlemen
    - i. **Ps 119:105** "Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path."
- 2. Preachers and sermons must reflect and keep in mind who their boss is and it is not any congregation, it is God.
  - a. **I Co 9:16-17** "For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel! 17 For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, **I have been entrusted with a stewardship.**"
- 3. My hope is that each of us have come to a greater understanding of what a biblical sermon must be and how it must be presented.
  - a. Let each of us take comfort and be of great eagerness when the Word of God is presented.
- 4. Invitation