

# “Preaching Christ”

## INTRODUCTION

1. The word “preach” appears \_\_\_\_\_ times in the Bible
2. Preaching is a very important \_\_\_\_\_
3. The key to success in preaching? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Preaching was key to growth in New Testament times
  - a) Acts 5:42 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Acts 8:35 \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) 1 Corinthians 1:23-24 \_\_\_\_\_
5. Colossians 1:24-29 \_\_\_\_\_
6. Three great questions about the apostles preaching...



## DISCUSSION

### I. First -- What Did the Apostles Preach?

- A. They preached \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 28)
  1. They preached Him as the only hope for \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Listen to Peter - Acts 4:12 \_\_\_\_\_
- B. They preached Christ as being \_\_\_\_\_ them (v. 27b)
  1. John 14:23 \_\_\_\_\_
  2. He is “in” us to \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Ephesians 3:17 \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Galatians 2:20 \_\_\_\_\_
- C. They preached Christ as “the hope of \_\_\_\_\_” (v. 27b)
  1. There is no hope of glory unless \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Hebrews 9:12 and 22 \_\_\_\_\_
- D. So - that’s what the apostles preached!

### II. How Did the Apostles Preach? (two sides: negative and positive)



- A. The negative side of preaching...
  1. “\_\_\_\_\_” every man (v. 29a)
  2. We need to know the reality of \_\_\_\_\_
  3. The uncertainties of life, the certainty of \_\_\_\_\_
  4. We all prefer positive \_\_\_\_\_ but:  
II Corinthians 5:11 \_\_\_\_\_
- B. The positive side of preaching...
  1. “\_\_\_\_\_ every man with all wisdom”
  2. How to live the Christian life \_\_\_\_\_!
  3. “The apostles doctrine, “the truth shall make you \_\_\_\_\_”
- C. The personal side of preaching...  
 (“Every man” -- every man, woman and child on earth needs to hear the Gospel)
- D. Effective preaching must be a \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Third Question: Why Did the Apostles Preach?

- A. The ultimate goal -- “to present \_\_\_\_\_”
  1. Everyone must stand before \_\_\_\_\_!
  2. Everyone is included in the \_\_\_\_\_!
- B. What an awesome challenge!
  1. “Perfect” (meaning \_\_\_\_\_)
  2. Completely reliant on the \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Ephesians 4:11-16 \_\_\_\_\_
- C. The ultimate “grind” (v. 29)
  1. “I also \_\_\_\_\_”
  2. Paul sets a great example for us all here!
    - A) Of course, we cannot \_\_\_\_\_
    - B) But, we CAN “\_\_\_\_\_”
  3. God empowered Paul’s efforts -- He will \_\_\_\_\_!

## CONCLUSION

1. No wonder preaching is such a \_\_\_\_\_
2. It may well make the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!
3. The purpose of preaching is not to \_\_\_\_\_ but to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the glory of God!