

PREACHING THE GOSPEL

I. THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

A. I Cor. 15:1-4 - *"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand:*

1. *By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.*
2. *For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received,*
 - a. *How that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;*
 - b. *And that he was buried,*
 - c. *And that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."*

B. Rom. 1:16 - *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."*

II. REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL

- A. The responsibility of the unbeliever--repent.
- B. The responsibility of the believer--believe the gospel.

III. THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL SHOULD BRING NECESSARY CHANGES

- A. Bring forth fruit meet for repentance.
- B. Necessity of producing fruit.

1. *"Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit" (John 15:2).*
2. *"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples" (John 15:8).*
3. *"Now the works (fruit) of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (Gal. 5:19-21).*
4. *"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."(Rev. 8)*
5. *"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." (Rev. 22:14-15)*

IV. THE ANOINTING TO PREACH

- A. Is.61:1 - *"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings*
 1. Unto the meek.
 2. Sent me to bind up the brokenhearted.
 3. To proclaim liberty to the captives,
 4. Opening of the prison to them that are bound.
 5. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

6. To proclaim the day of vengeance of our God.
7. To comfort all that mourn.
8. To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion.
 - a. To give them beauty for ashes.
 - b. The oil of joy for mourning.
 - c. The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

B. Luke 4:18 - *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel..."*

V. THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD UPON JESUS FOR FOLLOWING:

- A. To preach the gospel to the poor.
 1. To reach a forgotten, lost group.
 2. To change a lifestyle.
 3. To release prosperity into their lives.
- B. To heal the brokenhearted.
 1. Heal the results of betrayal; rejection.
 2. Personal hurts, pains, disappointments.
 3. When brokenhearted, don't know if you will ever live again.
- C. To preach deliverance to the captive.
 1. To destroy yokes of bondage.
 2. To bring release; joy.
- D. To restore sight to the blind
 1. Physical healing.
 2. To see; to open understanding; enlightenment.
- E. To set at liberty them that are bruised.
 1. Hurts or injuries beneath the surface; need for inner healing.
 2. Emotional trauma.
- F. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

--The year of Jubilee.