

NOT IN WORD BUT IN DEED

1 Joh 3:18

- I. THE NECESSITY TO LOVE.
 - A. Have passed from death unto life.
 - B. He that hateth is a murderer.
 - C. Have world's goods, see needs, shut up bowels of compassion, no love of God.

- II. CHRISTIANITY IS NOT A PHILOSOPHY, BUT A RELATIONSHIP.
 - A. We don't need to know about God, we need to know God.
 - B. The Word of God is not a dead letter, but Spirit and life.
 - 1. The Words I speak are spirit and life.
 - 2. We don't need a lot of sermonizing.
 - C. There is a place for preaching.

- III. CHRISTIANITY SHOULD BE A LIFESTYLE.
 - A. First partakers of the fruit.
 - B. Preach faith, should practice.
 - C. Preach commitment, be committed.
 - D. Preach faithfulness, be faithful.
 - E. Preach love, then love.

- IV. WORSHIP SHOULD NOT BE A RITUAL, BUT EXPERIENCE.

- V. PRAYER SHOULD NOT BE A FORMULA, BUT A DYNAMIC FORCE.

- VI. CHURCH SHOULD NOT BE JUST IN NAME OR NOMINAL.
 - A. Should be powerful change agent (force).
 - B. Viable - able to take root and grow; workable and likely to survive or to have to have real meaning, pertinence, etc.
 - C. Alive, vibrant. People aren't interested in a dead religion, but a living reality.
 - D. Church should be touching people's lives and changing them.

- VII. IN SHORT, WE SHOULD BE PREACHING JESUS.
 - A. He is life, and this life is the light of men.
 - B. Jesus is the Word.
 - C. 1 Joh 1:1.
 - D. Preaching Christ crucified, buried, raised from the dead, now sitting on the right hand of the Father making intercession. We are now new creations.

- VIII. NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL; IT IS THE POWER OF GOD.
 - A. Came not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit.
 - B. Lord promised to confirm His Word.

IX. OUR PREACHING SHOULD BE INSPIRING, NOT SERMONIZING.

- A. Need new zeal for the Lord.
- B. Get excited about Jesus.
- C. Get excited, can't hold it back.
- D. Gotta tell somebody.