

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ME

Text: 2 Corinthians 3:2

INTRO: The gospel of Christ tells the good news that Jesus was born of a virgin, that He lived a sinless life, setting a perfect example of obedience to God, that He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins, and that on the 3rd day He came forth from the grave and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father, where He rules and reigns as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Peter, Paul, Silas, Barnabas, Philip, Stephen, & all the other inspired apostles and prophets of the NT taught the same gospel.

### I. WE OUGHT ALSO TO PREACH AND TEACH THE GOSPEL.

Rom. 10:13-17; 2 Tim. 2:2

### II. WE MUST TEACH THE GOSPEL BECAUSE IT IS **THE** POWER OF GOD TO SALVATION.

Rom. 1:16-17; Mark 16:15-16

### III. BUT WE MUST BE CAREFUL TO TEACH THE SAME GOSPEL THAT WAS TAUGHT BY THE APOSTLES & THE EARLY CHURCH UNDER THEIR DIRECTION.

Gal. 1:8-9; 2 John 10; 1 Pet. 4:11

### IV. THERE ARE SEVERAL METHODS OF TEACHING:

- A. Preaching from a text.
- B. Verse by verse.
- C. Discussion, questions & answers
- D. Charts, maps, chalk boards, white boards, over-heads, visual aids of all kinds
- E. booklets, tracts, bulletins, newspaper columns, letters to the editor, etc.

### V. BUT A NECESSARY METHOD, AND ONE THAT MUST ACCOMPANY ALL OTHERS, IS THAT OF TEACHING BY EXAMPLE.

- A. Christ set an example for us.  
For to this you were called: because Christ also

suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps, who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth. (1 Pet. 2:21-22).

B. Paul's example.

Brethren, follow my example & note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. (Phil. 3:17).

C. Elders are to rule by example. READ I PETER 5:1-4

D. Preachers ought to be examples in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 1 Tim. 4:12

E. All Christians are to be examples. Matt. 5:13-16.

VI. THOSE WHO WILL NOT READ GOD'S WORD WILL READ YOUR EXAMPLE. THE WORLD IS LOOKING TO US TO SEE WHAT KIND OF EXAMPLE WE WILL SET.

Be blameless & harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked & perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life... (Phil. 2:15-16).

Wives, be s8ubmissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives. (1 Pet. 3:1).

Help me remember when others I see  
That they're reading the gospel according to me.

Matthew and Barnabas, Peter and Paul --  
The world looks upon them as names -- that's all.

For verses of Scripture, lost men merely grope,  
But my life goes under the microscope.

Make me a text, Lord, easy to see  
When men read the gospel according to me.

Cox Springs, TX, August 14, 1966

Jonestown, TX, October, 1970  
Springhill, LA, January 30, 1972  
La Porte, TX, June 27, 1976  
Exton, PA, August 13, 1989  
Susquehanna, Marietta, PA, December 10, 2000