

Evening Lesson

WHY PREACH THE GOSPEL?

Col. 1: 18-29

INTRO:

1. An effort to preach the gospel should excite men!
2. The gospel was preached in Paul's day.
Col. 1:23
 - a. This implies obedience. **Mk. 16: 15**
 - b. This implies sacrifice. **2 Cor. 11:24-33; Acts 5:40**
 - c. This implies faith in:
 - (1) The world's need. **Acts 2:40; 1 John 5:19**
 - (2) The gospel's power. **Rom. 1:16**
3. Understanding these important principles will cause a Christian to put the *go* into the gospel. It is either *go* or *woe*. **1 Cor. 9:16**
4. Why preach the gospel?

I. THE GOSPEL CAN PERSUADE MEN.

- A. Paul attempted to persuade men. **2 Cor. 5:11; Luke 6:46; Matt. 7:21-23**
- B. Men in sin need to be persuaded to obey Christ.
Isa. 59:1, 2; Rom. 5:6-10; Matt. 7:20-23
- C. The gospel changes a man's thinking. **Rom. 12:1, 2; 2 Cor. 10:3-5**
- D. The gospel can change men. **1 Thess. 1:9, 10**

III. THE GOSPEL CAN PERFECT MEN.

- A. **Col. 1:22**
- B. Perfection of men was Paul's objective. **Col. 1:28**
- C. Three characteristics of the perfect person.
 1. Holy. **2 Cor. 7:1**
 2. Blameless. **Eph. 5:25-27**
 3. Above reproach. **Col. 1:22**

III. THE GOSPEL CAN PREPARE MEN.

- A. The hope of the Christian is in heaven. **Col. 1:5**
- B. Christians have the hope of glory. **Col. 1:27**

CONC:

1. The gospel affects man's past, present, and his future.
2. The gospel must be preached and obeyed.
2 Thess. 2:14; 1:7-9