

Preaching Jesus

Introduction

1. “*Preaching Jesus*” is a term used in the Bible that is synonymous with preaching the gospel.
 - a. Acts 8:35: “...and beginning at this Scriptures, he preached Jesus to him.”
 - b. Acts 5:42: “...they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.”
2. The term “preach Jesus” emphasizes the kind of message that we are to preach.
 - a. Many preach the one true church.
 - b. Many preach baptism.
 - c. Though both of these are essential truths, they are useless unless one first comes to know and believe in who Jesus is.
3. In this lesson we will consider the Bible’s teachings about Jesus.

Discussion

I. The Authority of Christ

- A. Jesus is the Son of God
 1. John 5:18: “...but also said that God was His Father, making Him equal with God.”
 2. “Son of God” is used in the sense of equality; the Son has the same authority as the Father.
 3. Mark 9:78: God Himself bore witness of this from Heaven, saying, “*This is My beloved Son. Hear Him.*”
- B. Jesus as Savior
 1. Acts 13:23: God raised up Jesus to be the Savior.
 2. Rom. 5:10: Because of Jesus’ death and resurrection, we can have life through Him.
 3. Acts 4:12: There is no other name by which we must be saved.
 4. Heb. 5:9: For that reason, we must obey Him for salvation.
- C. Jesus as Lord.
 1. Acts 2:24-31: God promised that a Son of David would sit on His throne and that His kingdom would be an everlasting kingdom.
 2. Acts 2:32-36; Phil. 2:8-11: Jesus is the Son of David. After His resurrection from the dead Jesus was seated on the throne and was made King eternal.
 3. Matt. 28:18: Therefore Jesus said to His disciples, “*All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.*”

II. The Words of Jesus Christ

- A. His words are the standard by which we will be judged.
 1. Heb. 1:1-3; 12:25: Jesus speaks to us from the Father.
 2. John 12:48: His words will judge us in the last day.
 3. Matt. 7:26-27: Everyone who does not do the words of Jesus will fall.
- B. His words are recorded in the New Testament

1. John 14:26: The Holy Spirit would teach the apostles and prophets all things.
2. John 16:13-15: The Holy Spirit would reveal all truth.
3. He would take of what is Jesus' and give to them.
4. 1 Cor. 2:9-10: The things that were revealed are the deep things of God.
5. 1 Cor. 2:16: Because these things are from Christ, we have the mind of Christ.
6. Luke 10:16; 1 Cor. 14:37; 1 Thess. 4:8: If we believe in who Jesus is, and if we believe in the authority of His words, then we must believe that all of the writings of the New Testament are His words, delivered to us by the apostles and prophets.

III. The Gospel of Jesus

- A. The gospel is the good news
 1. Eph. 1:13: It is the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ
 2. Rom. 1:16-17: It is the power of God unto salvation.
- B. The gospel includes the works of Jesus
 1. John 20:30: His works were written that we may believe.
 2. 1 Cor. 15:1-8: His death for our sins, His resurrection for eternal life.
- C. The gospel includes His teachings.
 1. Mark 16:15-16: His teachings provide the instructions for how we are to be saved and how we are to live.
 2. Matt. 28:18-20: All who become His disciples will be obedient to His teachings.
 3. The good new includes not only the offer of salvation, but how to be saved, and how to live as those who have been saved.

Conclusion

1. John 8:24: We preach Jesus, because without faith in who He is we cannot be saved.
2. Acts 16:31-34: We preach Jesus because if we do know what He says we cannot obey Him as our Lord.
3. Acts 8:12; 28:31: We preach Jesus because if we want to be citizens in the kingdom of God, we must know who our King is.
4. Are you willing to believe all that the Bible says about Jesus and salvation through Him?