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THE GOSPEL MUST BE TOLD (PART 1)

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One thing is sure there are a lot of messages being sent out into our world. Some of them are destructive, some constructive, some enlightening and some frightening. One message that must be told is the gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul in 1 Corinthians 1:17 clearly expresses that the message of the gospel must be told in clear terms and not be influenced by eloquence of speech. In other words Paul is saying it is not based on one's ability to have a glib tongue (artfully persuasive in speech), but more importantly being inspired by the power of the Holy Spirit to share the truth of the word to one or many, both unsaved and saved. For many preachers, evangelist, and teachers today the glib tongue wins as it has ear appeal but often lacks soul impact. That's why Paul goes on to say in that same verse one does not want the cross of Christ to lack power and be rendered valueless, or be of no effect.



We have an abundance of issues in our world that our society attempts to address and truthfully there is no human solution that will correct our societal ills. There are other issues our society has declared as acceptable, normal behavior and the world wants all to be open-minded and tolerant of such things like homosexuality for example. Today, there are many ministers who are shifting their position on the issue of gay marriage as acceptable and support gay rights. Others are learning to be diplomatic in their response to these issues wherein they personally do not state they are in agreement however the response appears to be ambiguous or open to one's interpretation. Recently Pope Francis response to the gay issue was, "Tell me: when God looks at a gay person, does he endorse the existence of a person with love, or reject and condemn this person. We must always consider the person." This response leaves one to interpret what is being said as oppose to him clearly stating his position.

The gospel is foolishness to those who don't believe it, but one cannot be persuaded to believe in the gospel if it is not clearly stated. God does not hate sinners and the proof is John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life." However, if one's life is opposing the teaching of God's word and one doesn't repent and yield their life to Christ, the righteousness of God will prevail. The gospel must be told so people have the opportunity to believe on Him and not perish but have everlasting life!

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