**The Church ROOTS Series - The Church and Preaching**

***CHEAT SHEET - 1 Corinthians 2:1-5***

*Paul explains the necessary elements of good, faithful preaching, which was against what the Corinthians liked. The Corinthians liked…*

1. ***Fancy Talkers***
2. ***Fancy Talk***
3. ***Gods Talk***

*Paul explains there in a connection between why people reject the gospel, and why people use “human wisdom” and “lofty speech” when they speak. What’s the connection?*

***It’s all about Pride****.* ***We like messages about ourselves, and talking about ourselves***

*What was Paul’s motivation to NOT change the message, or the presentation, or himself?*

***Paul didn’t care about what they wanted ot hear, but about what they needed to hear. He explained in 1 Cor. 1:21 that man’s wisdom can’t save us, only the wisdom of the cross, which points to Christ, can save. Moreover, Paul knew that when he was weak and unattractive, and his presentation wasn’t popular, and people still got saved, THAT would demonstarte Go’s pwoer to save through the gospel***

***3 Ways that Paul’s argument can help us spot faithful preaching in a healthy church…***

| 1. ***Expositional*** | and ***Simple*** |
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| * Explaining the details of the *“testimony of God”* * All the bible taught accurately and consistently | * Not lost in the details * *“Nothing except Jesus Christ and Him crucified”* * Clear and focused on gospel |
| 1. ***Conscionable*** | and ***Spiritual*** |
| * Influencing + building our conscience * Preparing against the attacks of the world and our own flesh * Living holy lives according to God’s law | * Appropriate balance between the law and the gospel * Appropriate trust in the Holy Spirit to convict and to comfort the congregations hearts |
| 1. ***Humble*** | and ***Hopeful*** |
| * Being *“weak and in fear and in much trembling”* over our insufficiency (reputation, sinfulness, etc., 2 Cor. 3:5-6) | * Not humiliating or self-degradading ourselves * Looking to God’s completed plan in Christ (Rev. 21:3-4) |

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