

The Purpose of Preaching

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result, these people were “*cut to the heart*” (**Acts 2:37**). Cutting a man to the heart is not a task to be relished — it is the end result of freedom, joy and salvation for which we seek.

The way some men preach today, a lost man might never know his condition. Sinners will never cry out “What muse I do to be saved?” while listening to the “positive preaching” done by some today.

Present Christ As The Only Hope Of The World

The first thing Paul did in every city he visited was to lift up Christ and set Him before men as their only hope. Paul told the Corinthians he “determined not to know anything among you, except Jesus Christ and Him crucified” (**1 Cor. 2:2**). Salvation does not come by the preaching of politics or moral platitudes — our hope is in heaven, not Washington, D.C.

Tell About The Church

Some today tell us to “preach the man not the plan.” But we can not preach the King without His kingdom, nor the Groom without His bride. When the gospel was preached in **Acts 2**, men were added to the church (**Acts 2:47**). This is the church Jesus promised to build (**Matt. 16:18**), and the only one which He will save (**Eph. 5:23**).

Let us not put our trust in denominations built by men, for they will be uprooted (**Matt. 15:13**). “The kingdoms of earth pass away one by one, but the kingdom of heaven remains.”

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