

Biblical Preaching that Glorifies God

(1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

Sunday evening, September 26

The Corinthians were “puffed up” with pride (4:6, 17, 18; 5:2; 8:1; 13:4)

Paul says:

1. The Cross levels human pride (1:17-25)
2. The Call to salvation levels human pride (1:26-31)
3. Biblical preaching levels human pride (2:1-5)

I. The Method of Preaching Should Glorify God (2:1)

- A. We do not use the human method of oratory for our glory “*excellency of speech*”
- B. We do not use the human method of philosophy for our glory “or of wisdom”
- C. We do use God’s method of preaching “declaring unto you the testimony of God”

II. The Message of Preaching Should Glorify God (2:2)

- A. The person of “*Jesus*”
- B. The work of “*Christ*”

III. The Manner of Preaching Should Glorify God (2:3)

- A. We preach “*in weakness*”
 1. *Physical weakness* (Acts 4:9; Luke 10:9; 2 Corinthians 10:10)
 2. *Spiritual weakness* (Romans 5:6; 2 Cor 12:10)
- B. We preach “*in fear and in much trembling*” (2 Cor 7:15; Eph 6:5; Phil 2:12)

IV. The Means of Preaching Should Glorify God (2:4)

- A. We must not depend of human skill “*my speech and preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom*”
- B. We must not display human skill (2 Cor 11:6)
- C. We must depend on the Spirit’s power “*but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power*” (1 Thess 1:5; 2:13)

V. The Motive of Preaching Should Glorify God (2:5)

- A. We don’t want converts to be the result of our persuasion “*the wisdom of men*”
- B. We do want converts to be the result of God’s persuasion “*the power of God*”