



“Let’s Value Gospel Preaching”
I Corinthians 2:1-5
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Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. Have you ever been tempted to “stylize” yourself to impress other people, or to fit in with a certain crowd?

QUICK REVIEW

The city of Corinth was a place of wealth, pleasure and worldly wisdom. Philosophy provoked thinking and sophistry provided entertainment for the people. Some new Christians in this great city may have been tempted to “sophisticate” the message about Jesus. They wanted to dress it up and stylize the Gospel to make it more palatable to the people of this city. Continuing in his urgent appeal to retain the purity of the Gospel, Paul reminds them of his message and his demeanor when he was with them.

We urgently need to take these words to heart living in a similar context where many have succumbed to the temptation to make adjustments to the Gospel.

Read I Corinthians 2:1-5

In our Gospel ministry,

1. Let’s hold fast to the gravity of the _____ (2:1-2)
2. Let’s depend upon the power of the _____ (2:3-5)

Was any point in this weekend’s message or portion of Scripture particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What is the Gospel? What is the message of Jesus Christ and Him crucified? How would you define the central message of the Christian faith?

2. Have you encountered any Gospel presentations that seemed “watered down” or “dressed up”? Have you ever been tempted to do the same with the Gospel message?

3. Read the following Gospel-rich passages. Summarize the aspect of the atonement provided in each one.

Romans 3:21-26

I Corinthians 15:1-5

Ephesians 1:7-10

I John 4:9-12

4. The word “wisdom” is used three times in I Corinthians 2:1-5, each in time a negative way. Yet, as a messianic Jew, Paul would have been raised on the wisdom literature of the Old Testament, including Psalms and Proverbs. How do we distinguish between worldly wisdom and biblical wisdom? (See Psalm 111 and Proverbs 9:8-12)

5. Paul was among the Corinthians with much weakness, fear and trembling. And through him, the Spirit brought words of great power. What similarities are seen between Paul and Zerubbabel in Zechariah 4?