Distinctive Preaching

Tony Mauck · 2 Timothy 3:14–4:4

INTRODUCTION

- Some of the greatest preachers that we read about in Scripture were not very popular.
- One thing matters. And that one thing, as far as the preacher should be concerned, is that the saving message of Jesus is proclaimed.
- It's not the eloquence of a preacher that sets free. It is the truth that sets free, according to John chapter 8 and verse 32.

1 Correct Information and a Call to Faith

Hebrews 11:6

- When we talk about distinctive preaching, we must first talk about the correct information.
- First of all, there must be correct information, and then, because just the information alone is not sufficient, I must call you to action in regard to the information.
- Without faith, it is impossible to please God.
- We must believe that God is, and he is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him.

2 Error Prevails: A Very Real Adversary

2 Corinthians 11:14

- There's a spiritual realm, and there's a very active agent in that spirit realm who's known as our adversary in the scripture. And he is adamantly opposed to truth.
- He even transforms himself into an angel of light.
- An appalling and horrible thing has happened in the land.
- Is the message that you're hearing going to help you to get to heaven?

3 Not Carefully Investigating God's Word

Acts 22:16

- People are not taking the time to carefully investigate God's word.
- We have to realize that this text is in harmony with itself.
- Theology interferes because you start looking at the scripture through the lens of these statements of belief that you have.
- Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling upon the name of the Lord.

4 Our Goodness Is Deceived

- If we're innately good, then we don't need grace. Grace is for those who are not good. And that's all of us.
- There is one who is good, and that is God alone.

- I become good when I do what the master, the good master, bids me do.

5 Why a Counterfeit Mixture?

- Counterfeit messages spiritually are the same. They work, they bring in the people, they bring in the money, they grow the churches.
- Put in just enough truth to make it go down smooth.
- The norm is men seeking an easier way, a way of their own making, and a way that suits what one is willing to do.
- Watering down or altering the message has never helped anyone.

6 What Is Distinctive About Us

- We declare the entirety of God's saving message without compromise.
- In worshiping as God instructed. That's why we sang today. Without instruments.
- It's about pursuing purity of speech and conduct.
- We've got to be looking beyond troubling present circumstances to an eternal reward with our God that will trump it all.

THE CHALLENGE

Can we assist you in putting on Christ to the saving of your soul?

MY NOTES