

WHY

QUESTIONS THAT DESERVE ANSWERS

PART 1

“WHY...PREACH?”

“Reaffirming the Priority of Preaching”

(1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5)

INTRODUCTION:

THE CONTEXT: (1:10-17)

- Paul _____ Their _____ : _____ and _____

“Now I **exhort you**, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.** For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe’s people, that there are quarrels among you....”

—1 Corinthians 1:10, 11

- Paul _____ His _____ :

“For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to **preach the gospel**, not in cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made void.”

—1 Corinthians 1:17

1A. THE _____ OF PREACHING:

- Preaching and the _____ of the _____.

“For **the word of the cross is foolishness** to those who are perishing...”

—1 Corinthians 1:18a

2A. THE _____ OF PREACHING:

- Preaching and the _____ of the _____.

“...but **we preach Christ crucified**,...”

—1 Corinthians 1:23a

“And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. For **I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.**”

—1 Corinthians 2:1, 2

- You cannot preach about the cross without addressing additional questions:

1B. Why did Jesus _____ to die?

2B. Why did Jesus _____ to die?

3A. THE _____ OF PREACHING:

- Preaching and the _____ of _____.

“...but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

—1 Corinthians 1:18b

“...but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God,...”

—1 Corinthians 1:24

“I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,...”

—1 Corinthians 2:3-5a

1B. We call men to do what they _____ do, because they are in _____.

2B. We call men to do what they _____ do, because they are _____.

3B. We call men to do what they _____ do, because God is _____.

“But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus,...”

—1 Corinthians 2:30a

4A. THE _____ OF PREACHING:

- Preaching and the _____ of the _____.

“...so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.”

—1 Corinthians 2:5b

“Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.”

—1 Timothy 4:16

“I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine...”

—2 Timothy 4:1-5

FINAL EXHORTATIONS AND QUESTIONS:

1. Do you _____ ?

2. Are you _____ ?