

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“The Gospel, Christianity and Culture”

“Countdown America: 58 Days of Prayer & Fasting” – Pt. 1

1 Corinthians 1:17-18 and Selected

TRUTH #1: Jesus never shied away from confronting the conflicted culture of His day!

TRUTH #2: The rightful place for the Gospel of Jesus Christ is at the busy intersection of Christianity and culture!

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is...

I. God’s answer for the conflicted culture of America!

“For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel.” Vs. 17a

While America is not a “Christian” Nation...

- America’s founding was strongly shaped by the Gospel.
- America’s culture has been strongly influenced by the Gospel.
- America is great today because of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

II. Supreme over all human intellect and wisdom!

“...and not with words of eloquent wisdom.” Vs. 17b

“For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.” 1 Corinthians 1:25

III. Filled with God's power because of a bloody cross!

"...lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power." Vs. 17b

IV. Offensive and foolish to the conflicted culture in America!

"For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing." Vs. 18a

"The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Corinthians 2:14

"And even if our Gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In this case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

TRUTH #3: The Church must not sin in silence by refusing to confront the conflicted culture of the world with the Gospel!

V. The shining hope for America and the world!

"...but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." Vs. 18b

TRUTH #4: We must learn to live at the busy intersection of Christianity and culture and share God's truth!