

“Christian Ministry Exemplified”

Text: Romans 15:14-21

Scripture reading: I Peter 2:1-10

Intro.: Learning by following...

I Cor. 4:16; 11:1; I Thess. 2:14; Heb. 6:11-12; 13:7; II Thess. 3:7-9

I. The minister's exaltation – vv. 14-21

A) A priestly ministry – vv. 14-16 (I Pet. 2:9-10)

1. Words that confidently _____ - vv. 14-15a (Eph. 2:10)

-Full of goodness:

-Filled with all knowledge:

2. Words that boldly _____ - vs. 15

3. Words that _____ - vs. 16

B) A Powerful ministry – vv. 17-19 (I Cor. 3:6)

1. A calling in _____ - vv. 17-18

2. A calling of _____ - vs. 19 (II Cor. 12:12)

3. A calling with _____ - vs. 19

C) A visionary ministry - vv. 20-21

“Sanctification is the work of God’s free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God and enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness.”
Thomas Vincent; English puritan minister; 1634-1678

SERMON QUOTES:

A) A priestly ministry – vv. 14-16

3. Words that _____ - vs. 16

Charles Hodge,

“It is well worthy of remark, that amidst the numerous designations of the ministers of the gospel in the New Testament, intended to set forth the nature of their office, they are never officially called priests. This is the only passage in which the term is even figuratively applied to them, and that under circumstances which render its misapprehension impossible. They are not mediators between God and man; they do not offer propitiatory sacrifices. Their only priesthood, ...is the preaching of the gospel, and their only offerings are redeemed and sanctified men, saved by their instrumentality.”

B) A Powerful ministry – vv. 17-19

2. A calling of _____ - vs. 19

James M. Boice,

“In biblical language a sign is a miracle that has significance through pointing beyond itself to truth about God or the gospel. ...A wonder is the same event regarded from the point of view of the awe it evokes in a human observer.”