

Sermon Notes

The Kind of Teaching God Wants Us to Want as Demonstrated by the Apostle Paul

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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2:1 The apostle Paul did not come proclaiming according to superiority (authority) of word or of wisdom.

He didn't come with *human* authority, and a slick presentation to win them over, rather, he came with *God's* authority, because He was bringing God's word.

2:2 Paul determined not to know anything among those he taught, except Jesus Christ, and Him having been crucified.

Christian teaching shouldn't just be for knowledge sake. It should be to know Jesus, and live in relationship to Him.

God's truths may seem weird, counter-intuitive, even foolish, to our purely worldly sensibilities. But be willing to accept teaching, if it is God's truth, just like you accepted the seemingly weird, foolishness of a crucified Christ.

2:3 Paul was with them, as their teacher, in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.

It wasn't a powerful, self-confident presentation. But rather Paul understood that the heavy responsibility of God's messenger is to teach God's truth.

2:4 Paul's word and preaching were not in persuasive words of human wisdom, but rather in demonstration of the Spirit and of power (authority).

The job of good preachers is to expose what God is saying, because it's God's Spirit-inspired word that has authority.

2:5 Paul's type of teaching is so that your faith would not be in the wisdom of humans, but in the power (authority) of God.

How does the teaching you want stack up to what God cares about most in teaching?

If what you have been wanting from Christian teaching doesn't match what God cares about most in teaching, are you willing to change what you want?

If you have been listening to good teaching of God's truth, but you haven't really been trusting, and therefore basing your life on, God's truths, will you start today?