

“PREACHING WITH POWER”

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

1 Corinthians 2:1-2

¹ And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. ² For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:3-5

³ I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.

⁴ And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

⁵ that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

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1 Corinthians 2:1

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1 Corinthians 1:20

Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

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Testimony = mystery = the Gospel

Ephesians 3:1-3

¹ For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles— ² if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, ³ how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already,

Ephesians 3:4-5

⁴ by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), ⁵ which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:

Ephesians 3:6-7

⁶ that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, ⁷ of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.

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- Preach Christ

1 Corinthians 2:2

For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Galatians 6:14

But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

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- Preach Christ
- Preach Humbly

1 Corinthians 2:3

³ I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.

2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

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Earthen vessels = jars of clay

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- Preach Humbly
- Preach Plainly

1 Corinthians 2:4a

And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, ...

2 Peter 1:16

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

Preaching with Power

- Preach without Pretense
- Preach the Gospel
- Preach Christ
- Preach Humbly
- Preach Plainly
- Preach in God's Power

1 Corinthians 2:4b-5

⁴ ... but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Romans 15:18-19

¹⁸ For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient— ¹⁹ in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:30

But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—