

What It means to Preach Christ

Introduction:

- A. Often we hear the request, “Don’t preach anything offensive; just preach Christ.”
 - B. It is certainly true that all preachers should just preach Christ. - Philippians 1:15-18
 - C. What will one preach if he preaches Christ?
- I. the existence of God (offends atheists, agnostics and pagans) - Acts 17:18,22-32
 - II. the Sonship of Jesus (offends Jews and infidels) - Acts 9:20-23
 - III. the name of Jesus (offends denominations) - Acts 8:12
 - A. salvation in His name - Acts 4:10-12 (nothing in a name? What about wife wearing another’s name?)
 - B. authority of His name (even offends many brethren) - Colossians 3:17
 - C. wearing His name - Acts 11:26 (We honor Christ as wife honors her husband.)
 - IV. one faith (offends denominations) - Galatians 1:15-16,23; Ephesians 4:5
 - V. necessity of obedience to the faith (offends “faith only” people) - Romans 16:25-26
 - A. repentance (offends irreligious and immoral) - Acts 17:30
 - B. confession - Romans 10:8-10
 - C. baptism (offends almost everyone) - Acts 8:5,12-13,35-36; Mark 1:9; 16:16
 - VI. the kingdom of God (offends premillennialists) - Acts 8:5,12; John 18:36; Colossians 1:13
- ### Conclusion:
- A. If this lesson seems old to you, it is! It is the story of Jesus, unchanged in almost two millennia.
 - B. I pray that you never grow tired of this story, for it’s “the sweetest story that ever was heard.”
 - C. Why don’t you respond to the story in the way the Samaritans did?