

Going Forward, Back to the Bible

“Preaching” has come under attack by many today. For some, sermons are too long. For others, they are too short. For some, there are too many scripture references. For others, there are not enough. There are those who indicate that times have changed and that we need to change the way we look at preaching and move to more of a “user-friendly” mode of communicating God’s word. This has resulted in the practice of the use of puppets and dramas/skits intended to teach while entertaining. There is more of a casual approach in which “devotionals” are the preferred practice.

For us to “go forward” in dealing with congregational life and seeking the lost, we must “go back” to Bible preaching. The cry for philosophy and entertainment has resulted in a generation that does not know what the Bible teaches on a given subject, but they have been made to enjoy themselves. If we are going to impact any community for Christ, we must return to the mode of instruction that God chose: preaching (1Cor. 1:21).

Our preaching today must be balanced, biblical and properly delivered and motivated. It must be done in love (Eph. 4:15). It must also be motivated by the desire to bring our lives into line with God’s will. When we do so, we will “move forward” in our task as the earthen vessels selected by God (2 Cor. 4:7).

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