

PERSONAL EVANGELISM, PARTS FOUR AND FIVE
September 23 & 30, 2015
The Gospel As Our Primary Recourse

• **Our Primary Recourse**

- Key verse
 - Romans 10:17: “So then _____ cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”
- The gospel
 - 1 Corinthians 15:3-5a:
- Things that will not get someone saved:
 - Emotional _____
 - Arguing
 - _____
- The gospel as our primary recourse
 - Psalm 19:77: _____

 - Psalm 119:130: _____

 - Hebrews 4:12: _____

- What then should we _____ with the Word?
 - _____ the Word!
 - To prepare ourselves for gospel witness
 - _____ the Word!
 - To prepare others to receive the gospel
 - To present the gospel effectively

• **Question:**

- “How may we _____ use the Word to prepare someone to receive the powerful message of the gospel?”

• **Q & A on the Gospel as our Primary Recourse:**

1. What are the two main _____ of the gospel message?
 - See 2 Corinthians 15:1-5:
 - The need for the gospel

- The _____ of the gospel

2. What are the primary truths to be shared under each heading?

- The need for the gospel
 - The problem of sin (“_____”)
 - The penalty of sin (“_____”)
- The hope of the gospel
 - The _____ for sin
 - The promise of salvation

3. What is our primary _____ when sharing the need of the gospel with an unsaved person?

- To prepare the _____ of the heart to receive the seed of the Word of God
- 1 Peter 1:23: _____

- Matthew 13:8, 23: _____

4. What does a _____ heart look like?

- An understanding heart
 - Understand = consider and _____
 - A prepared heart has thoroughly _____ the gospel
- Mark 6:52: _____

- Luke 8:11, 15: _____

5. How may we use the Word to _____ up the ground of the human heart?

- By taking someone to “_____” using the Law of God
- Galatians 3:24: _____

- Romans 3:20: _____

- Romans 7:7: _____

6. Why is this method of plowing particularly _____?

- Because it allows the _____ to work with the person's own conscience to create conviction of sin and awareness of impending judgment.
- Romans 2:14-15: _____

 - "work of the law" = _____, expectations, deeds
- Romans 3:19: _____

- John 16:7-8: _____

 - "reprove" = _____

7. What is apologetics?

- 1 Peter 3:15: _____

 - Give an answer = make a _____ defense
 - Apologetics = presenting Biblical, reasonable _____ for why we believe what we believe

8. What are the proper uses of apologetics in _____?

- They are a part of the gospel _____ itself.
 - "according to the _____"
 - "rose again" and "was seen"
- To help someone who is sincerely _____ the truth to "understand" in the Matthew 13 sense.
 - Providing Bible _____ to life's toughest questions
 - Demolishing any _____ that are getting in the way of a person understanding the truth
- To provide a conversation starter or _____ pad for a witnessing opportunity.

9. What method of presenting the gospel works especially well to build understanding in people who do not have a _____ background?

- A sequential or _____-based approach working from creation to Christ to consummation.

10. What method of presenting the gospel works especially well for brief, _____ encounters with unbelievers?

- A method that quickly bypasses the mind to appeal to the _____ using the Law.

11. What aspect of apologetics is often particularly effective in quickly challenging an atheistic or _____ world view?

- Evidence for _____ in creation.
- Romans 1:18-19: _____

- 2 Peter 3:5: _____

12. Where can we find especially convincing _____ of design in creation?

- The _____ of earth for life
- Microbiology
- The animal kingdom
- The _____ body

13. What are the improper uses of apologetics in evangelism?

- Trying to _____ someone into becoming a Christian;
- Relying on intellectual appeals _____ to prepare the soil to receive the seed of the gospel.

14. What are the other proper uses of apologetics?

- To discern and _____ compromise in the church.
 - Heb. 5:12-14, 2 Pet. 3:3-7, 2 Tim. 2:15
 - Titus 1:9, "convince" = _____, shame
- To _____ our faith.
 - Jude 18-21: _____

- To succeed in our God-given mission with our _____.
 - Mal. 2:15, Eph. 6:4: _____

15. What are some areas of apologetics we need to have a good working knowledge of?

- Theistic arguments
- Literal _____-day creation

- Evidences for a _____ earth
- Noah's ark and the flood
- The _____ record
- Dinosaurs
- Design in creation
- The _____ of evolution
- _____ and death in the world

- **Final Question:**

- "Are you _____ yourself to be ready to give an answer to every man who asks you a reason of the hope that is in you?"