

A Radical Exhortation

Clarification #1

- The Gospel is Supreme over All other messages within This World.



It is supreme because in it is
God's power to save mankind

- **Romans 1:16** “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

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Clarification #2

- We Want Non-Christians to Encounter True Worship when They Visit Temple Baptist Church.

We are not seeking to make non-Christian's 'comfortable.'

- 1 Corinthians 14:24.
- “Convicted”
 - Means to be confronted.
 - Means to be exposed.
- 1 Corinthians 14:25.
 - Our target, that the “secrets of their hearts” might be exposed.

We want the Christian faith to be **“understandable.”**

- Do you talk about Christ in the exact same way with a Christian as you would a non-Christian?
- When you speak about the gospel and it is rejected, how certain are you that they are rejecting a gospel that they understand?

Clarification #3

- The gospel is designed to be contextualized.

Proof #1—The Incarnation

- God contextualized Himself to His Creation.
 - **John 1:9** There was the true light [Jesus] which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.
 - **1 Timothy 1:15** It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost *of all*.

Proof #2—Language

- The nature of revelation.
- You do not try to win your mother to Christ by talking in Cantonese.

Proof #3—Children

- Each of you talk differently to children than you do to adults—it is instinctive.

Proof #4—Common Decency

- “. . . Respect what is right in the sight of all men” (“Romans 12:17b).
- When we violate that “cultural rightness” we create a false stumbling block.