"Good Gospel Preaching"

It is Every Believer's Calling Acts 2:14-36

A Good Gospel presentation is when we : Contend, Contrast, Connect

I. Contend - "as ye suppose" (vs 14-15) Contend = to strive in debate; dispute earnestly: to contend against

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We can contend for the faith with:

A. *Friends* – "with the eleven"

We need to partner with others for the salvation of souls. Do you have a Gospel Buddy? Perhaps you could find at least one and maybe several individuals that have a burden for souls. You could make it a habit to ask each other about your recent opportunities to share the gospel and pray for that person.

B. Facts – "be this known unto you"

Make sure that as you share the gospel, you stick to the facts and not wander off in the "not sure abouts." Notice that Peter simply tells the crowd that it was 9 am and they had not been drinking. He did not try to explain every detail of bodily functions or theorize as why or How all this could take place and all the options God did or did not have. He simply told the facts and stayed true to what he knew.

II. Contrast/Compare – "hear these words" (vs. 16-35)

We should compare and contrast the :

A. Scripture – "the prophet Joel"

>> We can not hope to argue people into the kingdom – We must simply stand on the scriptures and let God do his work. His Word does clash with the world's wisdom but that is God's Plan – Look at this passage:

Read this passage I Corinthians 1:18-31 Scripture gets credibility by the change it makes in our lives. Which brings us to our next contrast ... Sight.

>>>> use it to sedge way to video about our witness in our everyday lives that God can use In a mighty way for others to see Him.

B. Sight – "in the midst of you" VIDEO about engaging the culture around us. Bluefishtv.com Helping them to see the wonderful difference Jesus makes.

C. Son – "This Jesus"

David and every other man may be great but :

- Jesus was chosen to be the One Savior before world began
- ➢ Jesus defeated death
- ➤ Jesus is eternal
- Jesus body did not deteriorate
- Jesus' words are scripture and life
- David's body still in grave
- Jesus will sit on David's throne
- > Jesus is highly exalted and sitting at right hand of God
- > David was not taken up to the Father (Ascension) to rule

Jesus also is not subject to a new directive put into effect on September 1 in China.

The 14-part regulation issued by the State Administration for Religious Affairs is aimed at limiting the influence of Tibet's exiled god-king, the Dalai Lama, and at preventing the re-incarnation of the 72-year-old monk without approval from Beijing.

III. Connect – "ye have crucified" (vs. 36)

We must help others see they belong to the :

A. Masses – "all the house of Israel"

Acts 17:24-26

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; ²⁵Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; ²⁶And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth Romans 5:12 – ALL MEN IN SAME BOAT

B. Messes – "ye have crucified"

For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God Romans 3:10-12; 23

C. Messiah – "Lord and Christ" I Corinthians 1:18 Does it have to be Jesus ? YES

Acts 4:12 John 14:6 John 20:31 – Read this one

Conclusion:

It has been said that it is the minister's job to spread the Gospel – Hopefully we know now ... it is Our calling ... all of us who are believers.

It has also been said: "We are either Ministers, or we are a Ministry."