

GREENFOREST COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

3250 Rainbow Drive / Decatur, GA 30034 / Pastor Berry / Greenforest.org
Wednesday Corporate Virtual Bible Study via ZOOM (7/14/20)

“MAKE IT PLAIN” – I Corinthians 2:1-4

I. Paul was:

1. Educated & erudite
2. Articulate & well spoken
3. Entrepreneurial & skilled

II. Paul WAS NOT interested in...

1. Flaunting his eloquent speech or education (v.1)
2. Subscribing to or espousing the limited wisdom of men (v.1)
3. Their past mistakes, failures, or bad decisions (v.2)
4. Showing off his strength, courage, confidence (v.3)
5. Human philosophies, theories, & platitudes (v.4)
6. Human wisdom, knowledge & understandings (v.5)

III. Paul WAS interested in...

1. Proclaiming his & other's testimony about God (v.1)
2. Helping them know Christ, Him crucified, & their need for salvation (v.2)
3. Exposing his vulnerability, hesitation, reluctance, & nervousness (v.3)
4. Demonstrating the realness of the Holy Spirit & proof of God's power (v. 4)
5. Strengthening their faith in the power, strength, & sufficiency of God (v.5)

IV. The saving Gospel of Christ can be hindered when we spend more energy...

1. Impressing people than impacting people
2. Entertaining people instead of empowering them
3. Wowing others instead of winning them
4. Downing them versus drawing them
5. Appeasing people instead of appealing to them

V. Salvation is available to all when we...

1. Admit that we are a sinner and repent for our sins
2. Believe that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world
3. Confess Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives

VI. Jesus...

1. Releases us from the grasp of sin and Satan
2. Redeemed us by allowing his life to pay for our sin debt
3. Reconnects us back to God
4. Restores our relationship with humankind
5. Redirects us so that our lives be in alignment with God
6. Reveals God truths, character, & personality

VII. Jesus saves us from the:

1. Penalty of sin which is eternal damnation in hell
2. Power of sin which draws us away from God's will, word, & way
3. Practice of sin which can become a lifestyle if not broken
4. Presence of sin when we go to heaven