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“Preaching an Unchanging Gospel in a Changing Society”
Biblical Preaching: The Pattern
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- I. Some words defined...
 - a. **Preaching**: divine spoken communication with a view of persuasion - *Mark 10:16*; God having something to say and using the preacher to say it - *Jer. 1:7,9*
 - b. **Society**: a group of people broadly distinguished from other groups by mutual interests, by participating in characteristic relationships, with shared institutions, and common culture - *Acts 17:24-26*
 - c. **Gospel**: the truth and the declaring of that truth about Jesus, His-story, His teachings, who He is and why He came – *John 8:31-32, 17:17*
- II. The gospel is **unchanging** – *John 1:1, 14; Heb. 13:8; Phil. 2:5-11; Acts 4:10-12; James 1:17*
- III. Society is **changing** – *II Tim. 3:1-9, 13; 4:1-4.*
- IV. What Biblical Preaching is – *I Tim. 3:14-16; II Tim. 3:14-17; 4:1-2.*
- V. The power of the Word of God and thus the Gospel – *Acts 2:36-41; I Cor. 1:18, 21-25; Heb. 4:12; Luke 16:27-33; Matt. 2:1-6.*
- VI. The priority of preaching...
 - a. Priority is the concern, interest, or desire that comes before all others; something that is very important and must be dealt with before other things – *I Cor. 1:11-17; Acts 6:1-4*
- VII. The pattern of preaching...
 - a. It's declaring and announcing **someone** – *Acts 8:30-35; Heb. 1:1-4.*
 - b. It's telling **something** that this **someone** did...
 - i. He was born, lived and did – *Luke 2:11; Matt. 3:13-17; 27:50*
 - ii. He rose from the dead – *Rom. 10:9-10*
 - iii. He saved – *Rom. 10:9; John 3:16*
 - iv. He secured a place in heaven for the saved – *John 1:12; 14:1-6*
 - v. He made the saved separate from those who rejected Him – *I Pet. 1:14-15; Rev. 20:11-15; 22:14-15*
- VIII. Why is it even tempting for preachers to change the gospel?
 - a. Fear – *Jer. 1:8*

- b. It's not popular, lucrative (making increase of money), or status promoting.
- c. It makes preaching easier to do when you change it.
- d. Because we as preachers are creatures of emotions and feelings. We have learned that the more we can move people's feelings and emotions, the more we are in favor with the people. The more we are in favor with the people then the greater the demand for us to preach. As a result, we specialize in *stirring* people's emotions rather than *moving* people to growth, discipleship, holiness, and godly service. We call that specializing in "the whoop".

IX. Why it is so dangerous to change the gospel...

- a. Because then it is no longer the gospel – *Gal. 1:6-8*
- b. Because God is our judge about preaching – *II Tim. 4:1; Jer. 1:17*
- c. Because it will satisfy people, but it won't save them – *II Tim. 4:2-4; Acts 4:12...* and that will be absolutely devastating.
- d. Because we disobey our Lord who called us – *Jer. 1:7; I Sam. 15:22-23*
- e. Because it will lead to people not loving the truth – *II Thess. 2:8-12; John 8:31-32*
- f. Because the spirit of anti-Christ is already at work – *II Thess. 2:3-7; I John 2:18; 4:2-3*