

Every month we will be presenting a Sunday School lesson from one of our teachers here at Pleasant View. This month is our College Age Teacher, Joshua Calloway.

1. Message Vs. 5 The message that Paul preached to these people was a message of the Gospel. You can preach whatever you want to preach to sinners, you can deal with standards and issues that they have in their life, but you will never improve giving them the gospel. It has always got the job done, it will still get the job done and it will always work in the future. What is the gospel? 1 Corinthians 15:1-10
 - a. Spoken in Preaching (word only) This message did not come in word only, but it did come in word. It was a gospel that was spoken. *Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; Mr 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Ro 1:15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. Ro 10: 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! God's Word is sharp and powerful and the message of the Gospel is still the answer.*
 - b. Spirit of Power (in power, and in the Holy Ghost) Just as important as the message that you preach is the power behind the message. You can have all the right things to say and know how to say what needs to be said, but if there is no power and no anointing the message it will have no affect. *1Co 2:4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:* It is amazing how that you can sense the Spirit of God when He is moving and working and when He is not. (Prison Revival)
 - c. Sure in its Promise (much assurance) There was a surety in their message. Paul knew that he had the answer to their problems and preached to them the truth of the Word of God. People can tell if you believe what you say you believe. Here is an allusion in the word assurance to a ship riding upon the sea with a full gale, and not turned out of its course by a contrary wind. In spite of much persecution Paul had kept on preaching.
 - d. Seen in the Preacher (ye know what manner of men we were among you)
 - e. Sake of the People (for your sakes) Paul said that all we did in regard to the Gospel was for your sakes. It was for you, that you might have the benefit of knowing the Lord. There is nothing as fulfilling as a Christian than to know that you have touched the life of someone with the motive to see them have what you have on the inside.