

The Corinthian Letters, Lesson 8, 1st Corinthians 2:1-5, Preaching

- ↳ We put a high price on entertainment, we get star struck by preachers and debate about who's the best. We have a strong tendency to put our faith in preachers rather than God and the message of the cross. It's nothing new, it was happening in the early church, in the Corinthian church. The Corinthians had their pet preachers, Apollos (mighty in the Scriptures), Peter (old style preacher), Paul (not the best speaker but an excellent theologian). They were each different, but their theology was exactly the same. Because of their different styles and personalities, people chose sides over their favorites, for strictly worldly purposes. All three spoke the same unifying, life-changing, powerful message of the cross.
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☒ The church was promoting men, but Paul did everything he could to remove himself from out of the way of the message when he came there.

- ✓ 1st Corinthians 2:1, he didn't come to impress them with himself. There is a way of preaching that promotes more the preacher than the message. Paul determined to stay away from those things, so that it wouldn't be him they were impressed with but the message. 1st Corinthians 2:3, he did this because the stakes were so high and need was so urgent and the danger was so real, the need was so far beyond anything that he could accomplish.

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