



- 1. Those who have never heard the truth. "Go preach" Mark 16
- 2. Those who have heard it and not obeyed. "Exhort them ..." Acts 2
- 3. Those who have obeyed and then erred from the truth. *"Restore ..."* Galatians 6



World Is Not Interested In The Gospel

Why such little interest?

- Cares of the world (Luke 8:14)
- Gospel demands changes love darkness (John 3:19)
- False sense of security (Jeremiah 6:14; 8:11)
- Not popular (Matthew 7:13-14; John 1:11-12; 6:66)

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Our job - not to convert, but teach

- Command is to teach (Mark 16:15)
- Even if they don't listen we've done our job (Ezekiel 3:16-21)
- Jesus taught many turned away (John 1:11-12)
- Crowds rejected the apostles (Acts 13:45; 17:32)



• Politician - Jailor (Acts 16:31-33)

Don't View The World As Lost

World is lost in sin

- All men are sinners (Romans 3:9, 23)
- Sin separates from God (Isaiah 59:1-2)
- If die in sin lost (Romans 6:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)
- Reason Jesus came to earth (Luke 19:10)

Anyone who has not obeyed the gospel is lost because he is a sinner!

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How we view people of the world

- Good people
- Believe different than we do
- Focus on friendship, likeable, good moral qualities
- Little or no attention to the fact they are LOST!

May be because our focus is on the here and now!

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Motivated to greater evangelism

- If we view them from a spiritual condition (Ephesians 2:1-2)
- If we view them without hope (Ephesians 2:12)
- If we view them on the road to eternal separation from God (Revelation 21:8)

Message Preached Is Not Redemption
Gospel Message – Redemption / Salvation
9 Power unto salvation (Romans 1:16-17)
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9 How we are saved (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)
9 Peter's sermon – salvation from sin (Acts 2)
9 Paul's sermon on Mars Hill – salvation (Acts 17:22-31)

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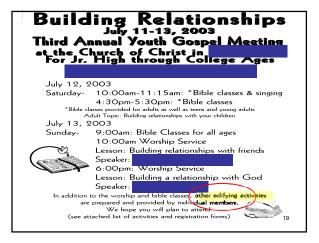
- Peter's sermon to Gentiles (Acts 10:34-48)
- Paul's Sermon in Antioch on 1st Journey (Acts 13:16-41)
- Books like Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians, etc. have themes about salvation.

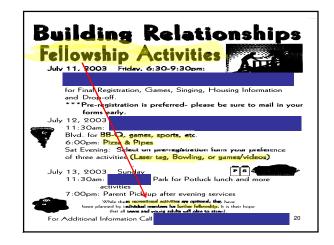


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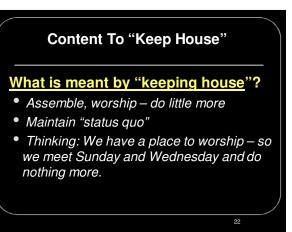
<u> Message Has Shifted – Social</u>

- More on relationships
- How to be a better person
- "Feel Good," "motivational" preaching

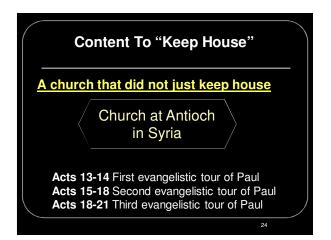












Fear Of Offending & Alienating Others

Fear of offending

- Gospel will offend (Matthew 15:12; Acts 13:45-48)
- Gospel convicts the world of **Sin** (John 16:8; Acts 2:37)

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Fear of alienating a friend

- Gospel will sometimes alienate people (Matthew 10:34ff)
- So, we deem it not worth the risk (cf. Luke 16:28)

Why We Are Not Converting The World

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World Is Not Interested In The Gospel Don't View The World As Lost Message Preached Is Not Redemption Content To "Keep House" Fear Of Offending & Alienating Others

What Can We Do?

Become more evangelistic Try to reach family and friends with the gospel Use Bible materials Set up home Bible studies Bring someone to a Gospel Meeting Bring someone to a special class or service Talk to others about Bible questions