

BUT WE “PREACH CHRIST”—2 CORINTHIANS 4:1–6

Thesis—Paul wanted the Corinthians to know that we preach Christ and Him crucified. “**It’s All About Christ.**” Paul understood that the Gospel of Christ was larger than any individual in the church including those preaching it.

Background—Timothy brought Paul word that certain troublemakers from Palestine had arrived in Corinth and were stirring up opposition against Paul there (cf. **2 Cor 1:1; 10:12; 11:12, 15; 12:21–23**). They are different from the Judaizers of Galatians and the Jewish/Greek legalists of Colossians. Scholars suggest they were probably **rhetorically trained, charismatic teachers**, similar to Apollos. **They made false claims against Paul and his preaching.**

➤ **2 Cor 4:5**

➤ **1 Thess 2:5–7**

A. What does it mean to **preach ourselves**? What “**Level**” is the preaching on?

➤ **Phil 1:15–18**

B. Why we must **preach Christ**?

➤ **Rom 1:16**

➤ **Gal 1:6–11**

➤ **2 Tim 4:2–5**

Conclusion—God’s Plan of Salvation *teaches* that *baptism is essential to salvation* (1 Pet 3:21).

➤ Hear: **Rom 10:17**

➤ Believe: **Mark 16:16; Heb 11:1, 6**

➤ Repent: **Acts 2:38**

➤ Confess: **Matt 10:32–33; Rom 10:9–10** ➤

Baptism: **Acts 2:38; 8:37.**

➤ Faithful until Death: **Rev 2:10**

