

Truth Through Personality, Part 1

Series: "Real Christianity: How It All Started", Part 7 of 11

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Text: Acts 2:14-37

Big Idea: Our task is not to bring people to Christ; but to bring Christ to people through our

lifestyle, words and actions.

Romans 1:16, I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

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I. The Setting Of Gospel Proclamation.

Acts 2:14a, "Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd."

- A. The bad news about your setting.
 - 1. We live in a post-modern era.
 - 2. We live in one of the most cynical parts of the country.
- B. The Good news about your setting.
- 1. Life's needs are not totally met by social improvement or material affluence.

Luke 12:15b, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

- 2. There is an essential "emptiness" in every life without Christ.
- 3. We can assume in our hearers a loneliness.

"The most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved." - Mother Teresa

- 4. We are speaking to people who have a sense of guilt.
- 5. There is a universal fear of death.

1 Corinthians 15:54b-55, "Death has been swallowed up in victory. 55Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

C. In light of the bad news and good news, how should we then share truth through our personality?

Confidently and courageously!!

Acts 2:14b, "Let me explain this to you."

Acts 2:14c, "Listen carefully to what I say."

Acts 2:22a, "Men of Israel, listen to this."

Acts 2:29b, "I can tell you confidently."

Acts 2:36b, "Let all Israel be assured of this."

"What we suffer from today is humility in the wrong place. Man was meant to feel doubtful about himself but undoubting about the truth. This has been exactly reversed. Humble and self-effacing we must always be, but diffident and apologetic about the Gospel, never." G.K. Chesterton