

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: [Acts 5:25-32](#).
- B. This morning I want to talk about teaching. Specifically, to emphasize the importance of teaching. To exhort in the joy of teaching.
- C. Teaching is a very important part of the life of the church. We are commanded by Jesus to teach everything in the word of God to those we have converted (Mt. 28:19,20).
- D. Traditionally we have accepted three great works of the church. They are:
 - 1. Evangelism.
 - 2. Edification (teaching).
 - 3. Benevolence.
- E. Teaching is a never ending job we must do.

I. JESUS CHRIST, THE MASTER TEACHER.

- A. The greatest teacher who ever was, was Jesus Christ. No man ever spoke as this Man did. His words were both totally true and kind at the same time (Jn. 7:46).
- B. Jesus alone has all authority and the words of life (Mt. 28:20; 23:8; Jn. 6:68).
- C. The example of Jesus as a teacher is powerful:
 - 1. He taught the people (Mt. 22:16).
 - 2. He taught with authority.
 - 3. He taught daily (Mt. 26:55).
- D. Jesus used parables, sermons, discourses and similes in His teachings.

II. WHO IS TO BE TAUGHT?

- A. Most importantly children are to be taught the word of God (Deut. 6:6-9).
- B. The lost are to be taught the gospel (Ac. 5:25,28,32).
- C. And fellow Xians are to teach each other (Col. 3:16; Jas. 3:17).

III. WHAT TEACHING DOES.

- A. Teaching the word; has many benefits. Without such an activity, Xians would suffer greatly.
- B. Teaching:
 - 1. Cures immaturity, it builds lives (Rom. 2:20; Ac. 2:42; Eph. 4:13-14).
 - 2. Promotes ministry, it builds service (Eph. 4:11-12; 1Pet. 4:10-11).
 - 3. Encourages morality, it builds character (Mt. 11:3; Phil. 4:9).
 - 4. Improves lives, it builds spirituality (2Pet. 3:18; Mt. 15:7-9).
 - 5. Helps people understand the word, it builds the church (Ac. 8:33-35; 6:7).
 - 6. Gives all that is of life and godliness, it builds knowledge (2Pet. 3:3,6,8).
- C. Let us not grow weary in well doing. Let us not grow weary in our teaching.

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. The great joy of teaching comes from knowing that by teaching the word, it souls are changed for all eternity. God's word does not return to Him void (Isa. 55:11).
- B. Teaching is so important. Important because it is commanded of us and because it: builds lives, builds ministry, builds character, builds spirituality, builds the church (numerically), and builds knowledge.
- C. People will not understand what they must do or be unless someone teaches them.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.