

“Gospel or Gossip?”

Mark 16:15-16

Introduction

- I. Christians have a great responsibility when it comes to the things that they say (Matt. 12:36; James 3:1-12; Psm. 39:1).
- II. We have been commanded to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15; Rom. 1:16; 2 Tim. 4:2).
- III. Too often, the Gospel goes unsaid while gossip prevails.

Discussion

- I. Types of gossip
 - A. “Whispers” (2 Cor. 12:20; Rom. 1:29; Prov. 16:28).
 - B. “Backbiting” and “Slandering” (2 Cor. 12:20; Rom. 1:30; Psm. 15:1-3; 101:5; Prov. 10:18; 25:23).
 - C. “Busybodying” and “Meddling” (2 Thess. 3:11; 1 Tim. 5:11-15; 1 Pet. 4:15).
 - D. “Prating” (3 John 10).
 - E. “Tattling” (1 Tim. 5:13).
 - F. “Talebearing” (Lev. 19:16; Prov. 11:13; 18:8; 20:19).
- II. The Gospel
 - A. God's Word is always pure (Psm. 12:6-7; Prov. 30:5-6).
 - B. God's Word is always right (Psm. 19:7-10).
 - C. God's Word instructs and rebukes (2 Tim. 3:16-17).
 - D. God's Word is powerful (Heb. 4:12).
 - E. God's Word directs (Psm. 119:105).
 - F. God's Word is life (John 6:63).
 - G. God's Word endures forever (Matt. 24:35; Isa. 40:8).

Conclusion

- I. How are we using our speech?
- II. Is gossip more important to me than the Gospel?
- III. Let us all strive to let God's Word come forth from our mouths.