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KEY QUESTION: Who do we speak of once we receive the Gospel through revelation?

KEY POINT: We release the Word of God, Christ Himself.

*Acts 9:18-20 And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptised; and he took food and was strengthened. Now for several days he was with the disciples who were at Damascus, and immediately he began to **proclaim Jesus** in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."*

*Acts 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he **preached Jesus** to him.*

*Galatians 1:15-16 But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son in me so that I might **preach Him** among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood.*

1. He began to proclaim Jesus.
2. He preached Jesus to him.
3. I might preach Him among the gentiles.

Paul didn't preach the Scriptures he preached Jesus Christ. Paul released the aroma of the knowledge of God everywhere he went, and it was an aroma of life and death.

2 Corinthians 2:14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.

The aroma which Paul released was the aroma of Christ. It wasn't the aroma of Judaism, or the Law - the Torah, but the aroma of the knowledge of Jesus Himself. He wasn't preaching Hebrew or Greek but He was speaking Him through spiritual words with spiritual thoughts.

1 Corinthians 2:12-13 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

There is such a difference between the one who testifies of Christ Jesus and the one who speaks or teaches the Scriptures. A non Christian can actually teach the scriptures by studying the original languages and sharing the meaning behind the original language, just like a Christian can do, but we are to testify of Him and give testimony to the powerful work of transformation He is doing within us.

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Christ. They point and guide us towards Him, and as we receive Him we speak of Him. The one who only has informational knowledge of the Scriptures can only speak from this position, and this position is powerless. No matter how technically correct the Word of God is not being spoken, only empty words are. Jesus is the power of God so when we speak, preach, prophesy, or testify of Jesus, we release the power of God to convict hearts, renew minds and define and shape our emotions, bringing us into complete transformation.

Only when Jesus Christ is declared from a person who has Jesus Christ revealed in them, through word, power, Holy Spirit and full conviction, does one preach Him into the earth for all ears to hear. Not everyone can do this but only those who have and are receiving the continuous revelation of the Messiah. Anything less than this is our opinions and the church and the earth do not need to hear any more of man's opinions painted up as God.

Being the guy who answers all the questions and has all the informational knowledge about Jesus, isn't the guy who has revealed knowledge of Jesus by the Spirit and declares this wisdom. Paul said he wasn't a man who spoke persuasive words of wisdom (informational knowledge), but he did speak a wisdom among the mature, a wisdom which is not of this age. Those who are mature in Christ know when Jesus the wisdom of God is being declared, compared to preaching persuasive words of man's wisdom.

QUESTIONS

1. What are you learning about the difference between preaching Him and preaching persuasive words of man's wisdom?
2. How much of Him do you release as an aroma compared to your thoughts and opinions about Him and how enlightening or destructive can this be for the hearer?
3. The Scriptures are a means toward Him, but they are not Him. What are our thoughts on this and what verse in John reinforces and backs this statement of truth?
4. How does one come to have a true knowledge of Him so they preach Him?