

WHY THE SERMON?

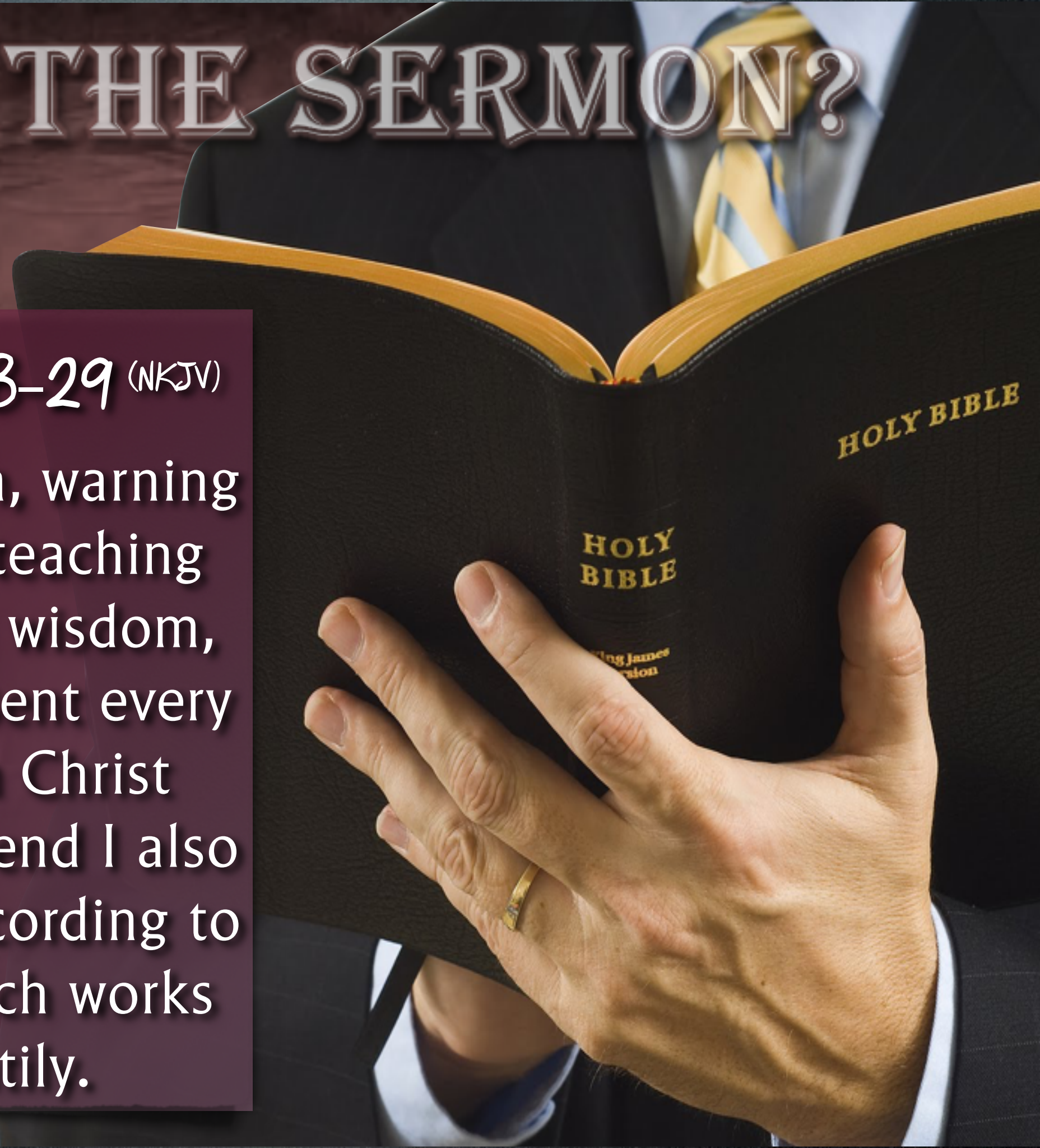
Colossians 1:9-29



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COLOSSIANS 1:28-29 (NKJV)

²⁸ Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.



WHY THE SERMON?

MUCH OF MODERN PREACHING

- ◆ CONTAINS ERROR -
- ◆ MISUSES SCRIPTURE -
- ◆ USES VERY LITTLE
SCRIPTURE -
- ◆ NEGLECTS EXPOSING
SIN & ERROR -
- ◆ AIMED AT PLEASING
PEOPLE RATHER
THAN GOD.



WHY THE SERMON?

- ◆ TO PLEASE GOD - TO GLORIFY & HONOR HIM - (GAL 1:10; 1 THES 2:4)
- ◆ TO BE A FAITHFUL STEWARD - (COL. 1:25; 1 COR 9:17; JAMES 4:17)
- ◆ TO WARN PEOPLE - JUDGMENT IS COMING - (ROM 14:10,12; HEB 9:27)
- ◆ PEOPLE ARE LOST & NEED THE GOSPEL - EXPOSE THEIR SIN & POINT THEM TO JESUS THE SAVIOR - (1 COR 9:16; 1 TIM 4:16; ROM 10:14-17)
- ◆ GOD'S PEOPLE NEED TO BE MADE PERFECT, I.E., COMPLETE IN CHRIST - (COL 1:28; EPH 4:11-16)

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Him We Preach (Col 1:28)

THE PREEMINENT CHRIST

- ◆ 1:14 IN HIM WE HAVE REDEMPTION, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS
- ◆ 1:15 HE IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD — HE IS THE FIRSTBORN OVER ALL CREATION. (ALL CREATION IS HIS)
- ◆ 1:16 HE IS THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS — ALL THINGS WERE CREATED FOR HIM.
- ◆ 1:17 HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS — ALL THINGS ARE HELD TOGETHER BY HIM.
- ◆ 1:18 HE IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH — HE IS THE FIRSTBORN FROM THE DEAD — HE HAS FIRST PLACE IN EVERYTHING
- ◆ 1:19 ALL FULLNESS DWELLS IN HIM
- ◆ 1:20 HE RECONCILED ALL THINGS BY HIMSELF

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THE PREEMINENT CHRIST



- ◆ HIS DEATH, BURIAL & RESURRECTION - ACTS 2:22-38; 1 COR 1:23; 2:2; 15:1-4, 12, 20, 25-28, 29.
- ◆ HIS KINGDOM, HIS AUTHORITY & BAPTISM IN HIS NAME - ACTS 2:36; 8:5, 12; ACTS 2:38; 10:47, 48; MAT 28:18, 19; MARK 16:16; COL 3:17

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Warning Every Man (Col 1:28)

THE DANGER *of* ERROR & SIN

- ◆ NOAH — 2 PET 2:5
- ◆ JEREMIAH — JEREMIAH 1:10
- ◆ EZEKIEL — 3:17-21; 33:4-9
- ◆ JONAH — JONAH 3:4-5
- ◆ JOHN — MAT 3:1-2
- ◆ JESUS CHRIST — MAT 4:17; 15:7-13; 23; REV 2,3
- ◆ PETER — AC 2:11-39; 2 PET 3:9-14
- ◆ STEPHEN — AC 7:51-56

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Warning Every Man (Col 1:28)

THE DANGER of ERROR & SIN

- ◆ WARNING OF FALSE TEACHERS & THEIR FALSE DOCTRINES - COL 2:8; 18-23; MAT 5:15; MAT 15:14; JER 23:16; 2 PET 2:1,2 ...
- ◆ WARNING OF THE DANGER & CONSEQUENCES OF DEPARTING FROM THE TRUTH - COL. 1:23; 1 COR 10:1-13; GAL 5:1-4; 6:9; HE. 3:6, 14; 4:14; 10:38; 1 PE. 1:5; 2 PE. 2:18-22

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THE JUDGMENT *of* CHRIST

- ◆ GOD COMMANDS ALL MEN EVERYWHERE TO REPENT, FOR WE WILL ALL STAND BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST - COL 3:5-7; ACTS 17:30,31; 24:25; ROM 2:1-11; 2 COR 5:10; EPH 5:6; 2 THES 1:7-9; REV 21:7,8
- ◆ SALVATION, FORGIVENESS IS IN CHRIST & ONLY IN CHRIST - 1:13,19-23; 2:11-14; JN 14:6; ACTS 4:12; EPH 1:3-16; ROM 6:3-6

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Teaching Every Man In All Wisdom (Col 1:28)

THE IMPORTANCE OF DOCTRINE

- ◆ TEACHING TO BE DONE BY INSTRUCTING OTHERS IN THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST - 1 TIM 4:12-16; 2 TIM 4:2; 2 JOHN 9
- ◆ Teaching About Christ - vs 13-22; 2 Cor 11:4; John 1:1,2,14; Heb 1:1,2
- ◆ Teaching from Christ - Mat 28:18-20; Luke 6:46; Acts 7:37; Heb 5:8,9; 12:25; 2 John 9; etc ...
- ◆ IN ALL WISDOM - INVOLVES BOTH THE SOURCE & THE MANNER - (in contrast to the stoics false "wisdom") 1 CO. 2:6, 15; 12:8; 2 PE. 3:15; COL 4:5,6; EPH 4:15

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THAT WE MAY PRESENT EVERY
MAN PERFECT IN CHRIST JESUS

◆ THIS IS THE AIM OF ALL FAITHFUL
GOSPEL PREACHERS - (ACTS 20:20)

✱ By Preaching Christ – (Acts 9:20;
17:3; 1 Cor 2:1-4)

✱ By Warning Every Man - (Acts
20:31; 1 Cor 4:14; 2 Tim 4:2; 1
Thes 5:14)

✱ By Teaching In All Wisdom - (Col
1:9-11; 1 Cor 2:6; Ep 5:15-17)

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Reflected in Paul's
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His will in all wisdom and
spiritual understanding;

Filled - Not just a
small measure – but
to be saturated.

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Knowledge – EPIGNOSIS -
Vine's - expressing a fuller
or a full knowledge, a
greater participation by
the knower in the object
known, thus more
powerfully influencing him

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Wisdom – The ability to
correctly apply the
knowledge of God's will
to life situations.
Practical knowledge

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Spiritual understanding –

A grasp of the underlying principles enabling one to discern & properly apply the knowledge & experience
- providing proper motivation to carry out what ought to be done.

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Pleasing God – Walking
worthy of the Lord – only
accomplished by knowing
and doing what God says
– (Amos 3:3; 1 John
1:5-8; Luke 6:46)

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the Lord, fully pleasing Him,**
being fruitful in every good work
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Producing For God –

“being fruitful in every
good work” (Mat 13:23; Gal
5:22,23; Eph 2:10; Tit 3:14) –
in order for a work to be
good – it must be
authorized. (2 Tim 3:16,17)

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Increasing In Knowledge of God and His Will

- There is no standing still
- either growing or falling behind. - (2 Peter 1:5-10; 3:17,18; Hos 4:6) - Effects very aspect of our lives!

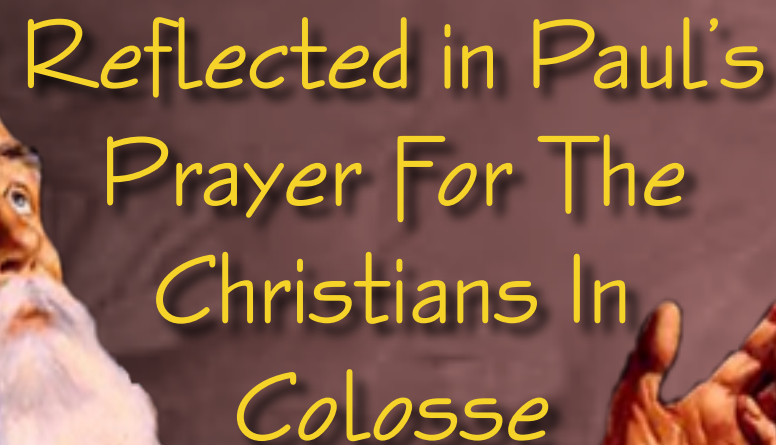
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**Knowledge Provides
Mighty Strength** – Thus
armed to stand against
the wiles of the devil –
Eph 6:10-18; Phil 4:13)

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Equipped to endure with joy— The Christian life is not easy & requires “patience and long-suffering” - Yet the Christian can live in joy & peace – (Mat 5:11,12; Jam 1:2; 1 Pet 1:6,7; 4:13)

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The Kind of Preaching

DEMANDED BY GOD - 2 TIM 4:1-5

2 TIMOTHY 4:2-5 (NKJV)

² Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. ⁵ But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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PREACH THE WORD

- ◆ THE PREACHERS TASK IS TO PROCLAIM SCRIPTURE AND GIVE THE SENSE OF IT (NEH 8:8; 2 TIM 2:15; ACTS 20:27)
- ◆ THE POWER OF CONVERSION IS ONLY FOUND IN THE WORD OF GOD – (1 PET 1:22,23; HEB 4:12; ROM 1:16; 1 COR 1:18,21; 1 TIM 4:16)
- ◆ THE TASK OF A FAITHFUL PREACHER REVOLVES AROUND THE WORD OF GOD – (ACTS 6:3,4; 1 TIM 4:12-16)

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- ◆ PREACHING THAT CONVINCES
 - ✦ The sinner of his sin – The false teacher of his error - The seeker of what is true – The faithful that he is right!
- ◆ PREACHING THAT REBUKES
 - ✦ The sinner, false teacher & the slacker – (Acts 2:36; Acts 7:51; Heb 5:12)
- ◆ PREACHING THAT EXHORTS -
 - ✦ men unto obedience, godliness & spiritual growth

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PREACH THE WORD

- ◆ **When?** – “IN SEASON & OUT OF SEASON”
- ◆ **How?** – “REPROVE, REBUKE & EXHORT, WITH ALL LONGSUFFERING & TEACHING”
- ◆ **What if people won't listen?** – “FOR THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THEY WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE, ... BE WATCHFUL ..., ENDURE AFFLICTIONS, DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST, FULFILL YOUR MINISTRY.”

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PREACH THE WORD

♦ **Why Preach the Word?** –

- ♦ IT IS POWERFUL – GEN. 1:1; HEB 4:12; ACTS 20:32
- ♦ IT GIVES LIFE – JN 6:63; PS 19:7; 1 PET 1:22,23; JAM 1:21
- ♦ THE MIRROR FOR THE SOUL – JAM 1:25; HEB 4:12
- ♦ IT IS ETERNAL – PS 119:89; 1 PET 1:24-25; MARK 13:31
- ♦ IT WILL ACCOMPLISH ITS PURPOSE – ISAIAH 55:11; 2 TIM 3:16,17; 2 PET 1:3

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♦ **Why Preach the Word?** –

- ♦ WHEN THE WORD OF GOD IS PREACHED – THE WORD OF MAN IS NOT –
- ♦ WHEN THE WORD OF GOD IS PREACHED – THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY IS APPEALED TO – NOT THE AUTHORITY OF MEN!
- ♦ WHEN THE WORD OF GOD IS PREACHED – MEN LEARN WHAT GOD SAYS -

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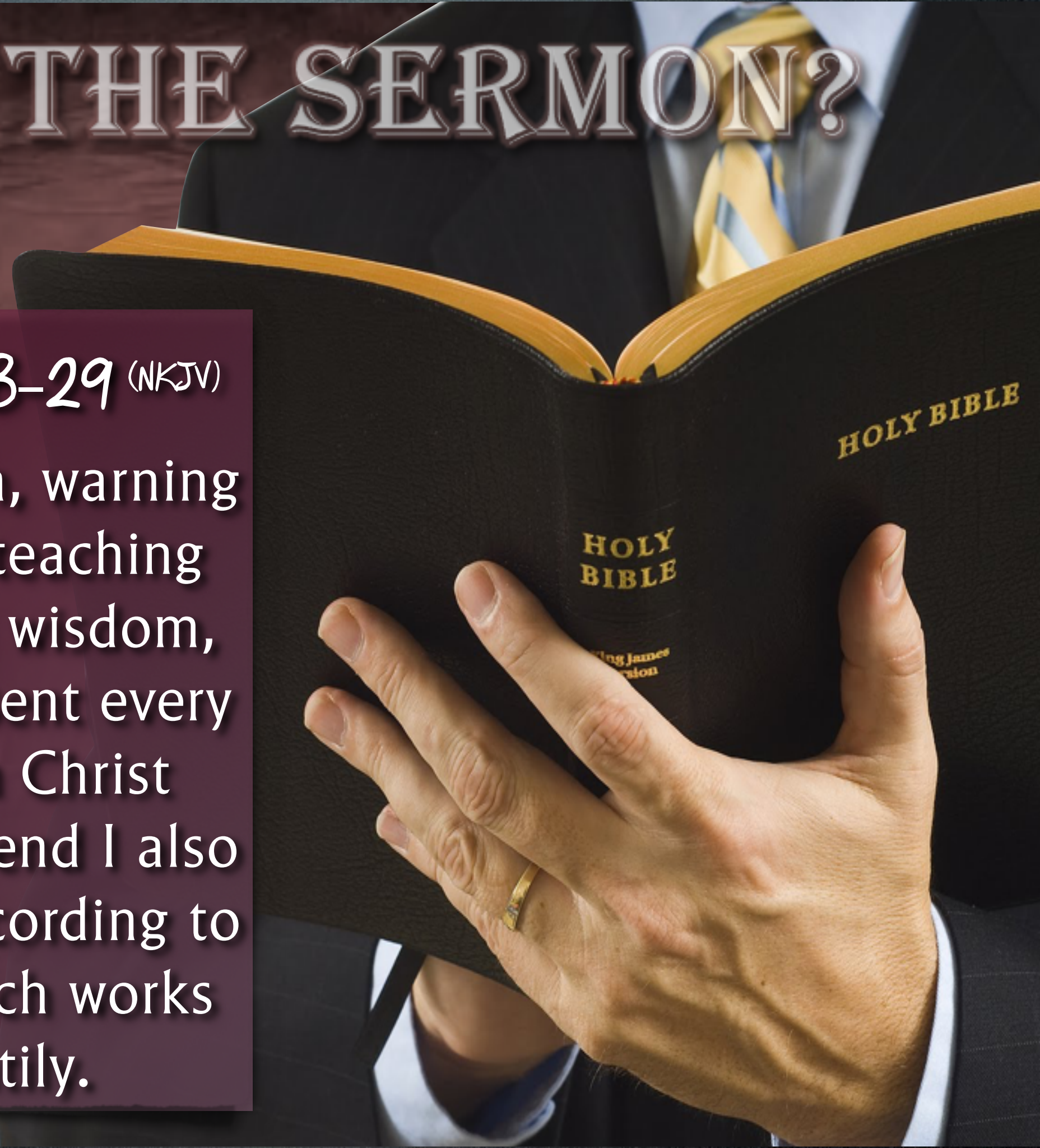
PREACH THE WORD

- ◆ PREACHING IS INDEED SERIOUS BUSINESS —
- ◆ THE FAITHFUL PREACHER WILL GUARD AGAINST COMPROMISING THE PREACHING OF THE WORD OF GOD IN FAVOR OF SCRATCHING THE EARS OF THE UNGODLY!
- ◆ THE FAITHFUL PREACHER IS TO PREACH THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD, (ACTS 20:26,27)
- ◆ PAUL DOES NOT SUGGEST THAT THE WAY TO REACH AN UNGODLY SOCIETY IS TO SO SOFTEN THE MESSAGE THAT IT WILL NOT OFFEND THEM - JUST THE OPPOSITE IS TRUE! -

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- ♦ **TO BUILD FAITH** –
John 5:46,47; 8:24; Rom 10:17
- ♦ **TO MOVE THE LOST TO OBEY
THE GOSPEL** – To Repent,
Confess Christ & Be Baptized–
Rom. 2:4; Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30;
2 Pet 3:9; Jn 12:42,43; Rom.
10:9,10; Luke 7:29,30; Acts 2:38-41
- ♦ **TO ENCOURAGE THE ERRING
TO REPENT** – Acts 8:22; 1 Jn 1:9
- ♦ **TO EXHORT THE FAITHFUL TO
ENDURE** – 1 Cor 15:58



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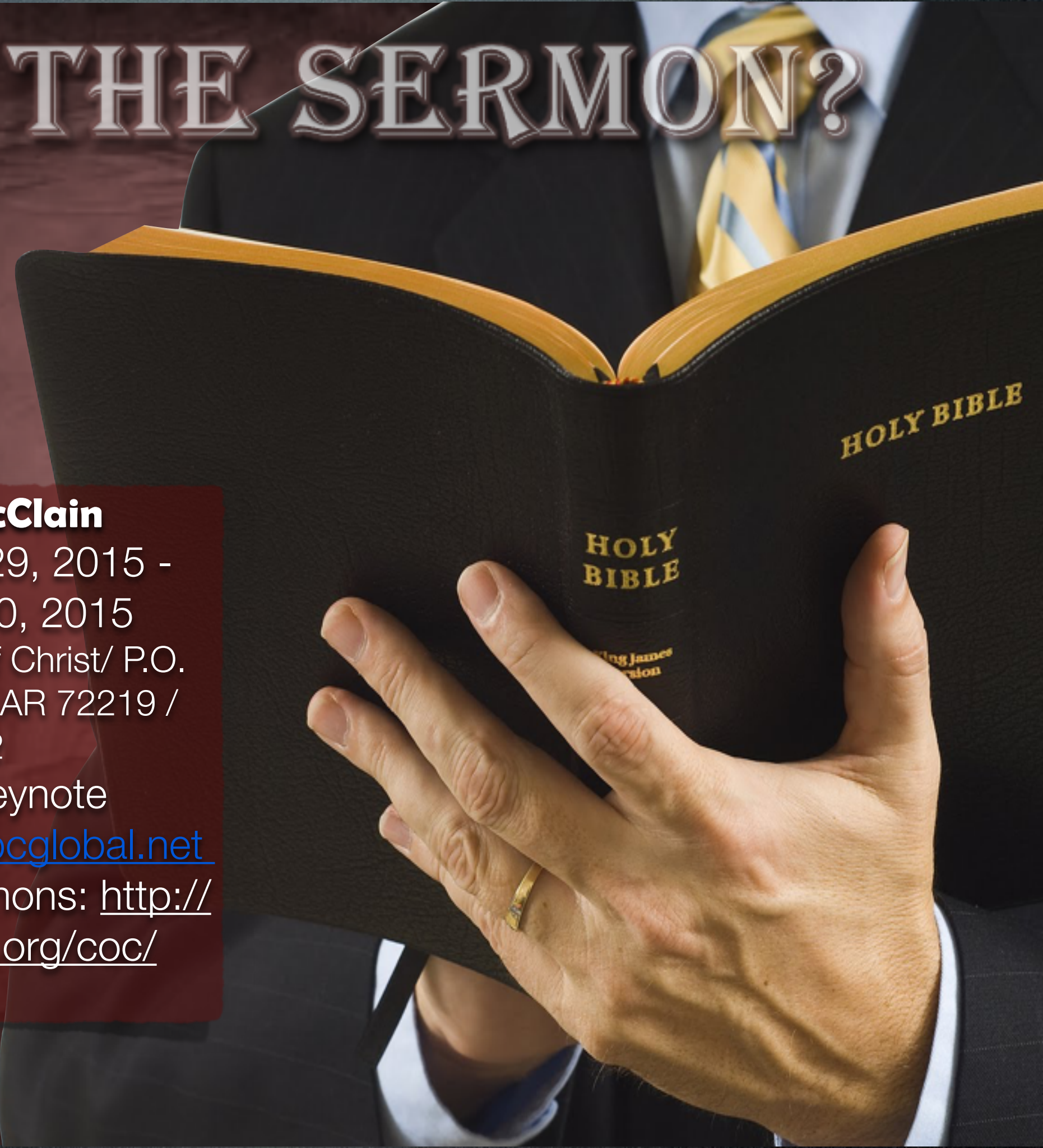
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1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." ²⁰ Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25 (NKJV)

²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. ²² For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-25 (NKJV)

²⁴ but to those who are called,
both Jews and Greeks, Christ
the power of God and the
wisdom of God. ²⁵ Because the
foolishness of God is wiser than
men, and the weakness of God
is stronger than men.