

INTRODUCTION - (v21) "it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe" (v23) "but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness"

1. IT MEANS TO PREACH THE OLD TESTAMENT

Jesus said, (John 5:39-40) "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life."

(Luke 25:44) "Then He said to them ... that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me"

2. IT MEANS TO PREACH THE NEW TESTAMENT

Apostle Peter linked the O.T. and the N.T. with these words: (2 Peter 3:2) "that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior"

(Matthew 26:27-28) "... for this is My blood of the new covenant ..."

3. IT MEANS TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

(1 Corinthians 15:1-4) "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel ... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures"

(Mark 16:15-16) "... preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved ..."

4. IT MEANS TO PREACH HIS CHURCH

(Ephesians 1:22-23) "And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, ..."

5. IT MEANS TO PREACH THE STEPS TO SALVATION (recipe, plan, pattern)

(Acts 8:12) "But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized"

(Acts 8:35-38) "... preached Jesus to him ... and he baptized him"

6. IT MEANS TO PREACH CHRISTIAN OBLIGATIONS

(Luke 6:46 and John 14:15)