

The Necessity of the Holy Spirit in Counseling

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Introduction

1 Cor. 2:1-5

I. The Subject of Biblical Preaching (2:1-2)

- A. Negatively stated (1):
 - 1. *I did not come to you
With superiority of speech (λογου) or wisdom*
 - 2. *When proclaiming the mystery of God*
- B. Positively stated (2):
 - 1. *I decided to know nothing among you*
 - 2. *Except Jesus Christ and Him having been crucified*

II. The Power of Biblical Preaching (2:3-4)

- A. Paul's personal condition (3)
 - I was with you*
 - In weakness and in fear and in much trembling*
- B. Paul's ministry priorities (4)
 - 1. *My word and my preaching*
 - 2. *Not in persuasive word of wisdom*
 - 3. *But in the demonstration of the Spirit and power*

III. The Reason for Both (2:5)

- A. Negatively: *In order that your faith would not be in the wisdom of men*
- B. Positively: *But in the power of God*

IV. Connection with Counseling

- A. Preaching is a verbal, authoritative proclamation of God's Word, which has an appeal for response.
- B. Counseling is not the same as preaching

V. The Demonstration of the Spirit and power in Counseling

- A. The necessity of the Spirit
- B. The Spirit in the Counselor
- C. The Spirit and the Counselee
- D. Conclusion

“As long as people are impressed by your powerful personality and impressive gifts, there is very little room for you to impress them with a crucified Savior.” DA Carson