

# It Pleased God

by Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian church

**1 Corinthians 1:21**, "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

This verse tells us that it is God's design and plan to have the gospel preached. He entrusted the preaching to men and calls who He will to do His work. People sometimes think that they know what the preacher should say and do, as well as how he should conduct his ministry. Each minister will give account unto God for his ministry. (**Hebrews 13:17**).

God could have had angels to preach the gospel, but He chose to have men to do His work on earth. If you look through the scriptures you see that most of the people that were called by God, would not be the ones that man would have considered for the work. Paul was a persecutor of the church, Gideon was fearful, Jonah was rebellious, Moses was not willing, and many others had excuses to not serve. Yet God used them, showing that the power was not in the mes-

senger, but in the message of God. When God's Word is proclaimed and believed by the hearer, lives are changed.

Some seem to think that it is too easy to hear the word and to be saved by obeying it. Some think that they have to do something great, or something to make themselves worthy in the eyes of God. All anyone has to do is to hear, and believe, repent of sin, confess those sins and that Jesus is the Son of God, and be baptized for the remission of sin and live for the Lord. This is what God has ordained that a person is to do, to be saved.

The preaching of the Word of God has, and will, save souls until the Lord comes back. It is hard to imagine why anyone would want to make the gospel difficult to understand by adding man's ideals to it. God doesn't need our thoughts or what we think would be good added to his message. The Lord's gospel is great the way that he gave it. All a person needs for it to change his life for the better is to hear, believe and to walk in it. If you have noticed whenever man adds to it by his traditions and rules, it only causes trouble and keeps people from a right relationship with God.

Why is there trouble in a church today? It hap-

pens when God's word is not followed and people try to do their will instead of the will of God. The result is that there is division, hurt feelings, some folks trying to have his, or her, own way, and harm to the witness of the church. When a person, or a group, seeks to please God instead of themselves then the Lord can bless and people grow in the Lord.

Some churches seem to have replaced the gospel emphasis on social activities instead of the word of God. They are busy with dinners, trips, and other functions, but it is those things that have people coming, not the love of God. As we have noted before, some churches have ceased to mention hell because many of today's church folks don't want to hear about it. Jesus talked about it, the apostles talked about it, and so did the early church. It is a part of the message of the scriptures whether anyone wants to hear about it, or not.

Paul said, "I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God," **Acts 20:27**. If we would please God we will use God's word and not man's doctrines. We can only come to God through Jesus and we can only come to him by faith. Where does faith come from? **Romans 10:17**, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

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IN THIS MODERN DAY AND AGE, WE HAVE BECOME USED TO LARGE SIZES—HUGE FOOTBALL PLAYERS, TOWERING BASKETBALL STARS, ETC. BUT WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO IF WE WANT TO TOP WHAT THE BIBLE TERMS AS GIANT. THESE TWO SEVEN-FOOT BASKETBALL PLAYERS AND AN AVERAGE-SIZE FIVE-FOOT, TEN-INCH COACH PALE IN COMPARISON NEXT TO THE BIBLE'S GOLIATH.

WE LEARN IN I SAMUEL 17:4-7, THAT GOLIATH STOOD SIX CUBITS AND A SPAN. THE CUBIT BEING APPROXIMATELY TWENTY INCHES, A SPAN NINE INCHES, PUTS GOLIATH'S HEIGHT AT TEN AND A HALF FEET—A HALF FOOT HIGHER THAN THE BASKET WHICH HANGS TEN FEET ABOVE THE BASKETBALL COURT!

HOWEVER, THE SPYRY AND AGILE YOUNG LAD DAVID—WHO, NOT BEING FULL-GROWN, COULD HARDLY HAVE STOOD MORE THAN FIVE FEET AT THE TIME (JUST HALF GOLIATH'S HEIGHT) TAUGHT GOLIATH AND THE WORLD A BIG LESSON—THAT NO MATTER HOW FORMIDABLE THE ADVERSARY, ONE CAN OVERCOME IF HE IS FILLED WITH COURAGE AND A FIRM BELIEF IN THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF HIS CAUSE!

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