

Persuading The Lost

II Cor. 5:9-11

Intro. "Persuade"

•**Persuade:** To prevail on a person to do something, by advising or urging. To induce to believe by appealing to reason or understanding. To convince.

•**W.E. Vine** -- in the Active Voice, signifies "to apply persuasion, to prevail upon or win over, to persuade," bringing about a change of mind by the influence of reason or moral considerations...

•Scriptures:

–Matt. 27:20 → But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

–Matt. 28:14 → And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.

–Lk. 16:31 → And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

–Acts 26:28 → almost thou persuadest me...

–Acts 17:4 → And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. (ESV)

I. Persuading The Lost – Why?

•We possess the most powerful message. (II Cor. 4:7; I Cor. 1:18; Rom. 1:16; 10:17)

•We have the greatest work to do. (II Cor. 4:1; I Cor. 3:6)

•We desire to be accepted of ("pleasing to" – NASB) God. (II Cor. 5:9; Col. 1:10; Acts 10:34-35; Matt. 28:19; I Tim. 3:15; Jn. 15:2)

•We will face the judgment. (II Cor. 5:10; I Tim. 4:16)

•We know the terror of the Lord. (II Cor. 5:11; Heb. 2:1-4; Rom. 2:11)

•We are motivated by our faith. (II Cor. 4:13)

•We are compelled by the love of Christ. (II Cor. 5:14-15; 8:9)

II. Persuading The Lost– What?

•The grace of God. (Acts 13:43; Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 2:11-12; Heb. 2:9)

•The kingdom of God. (Acts 19:8; Jn. 18:36; Col. 1:13; Jn. 3:3-5)

•The Lord Jesus. (Acts 11:20-21; Lk. 6:46; Heb. 5:8-9)

•Repentance. (Acts 14:15)

•Baptism. (Acts 16:14-16)

•Judgment. (Acts 24:25)

III. Persuading The Lost – How?

•By the spoken word. (I Pet. 3:15; Phil. 1:17; Rom. 1:15)

•By the influence of a godly life. (Matt. 5:16; Phil. 2:15-16)

•With a sense of urgency. (Jn. 4:34-35; 9:4; Jude 22-23)

•With Boldness. (Eph. 6:20)

•With love. (Eph. 4:15)