

This passage is rich in both the core and the practice of evangelism

I. Three _____ for witness

A. The fear of the Lord

"Knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others" [5:11]

Fear: _____, awe

1. Remember the _____ of God

2. Remember our _____

"The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning" [Ecclesiastes 7:2a]

3. Remember the reality of _____

"We regard no one according to the flesh" [16]

There are no _____ people. You have never talked to a mere mortal." [C.S. Lewis]

4. Remember that each one of us will face a holy God

"It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes _____" [Hebrews 9:27]

5. Remember our chief end

"_____ the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together" {Psalm 34:3}

B. The love of Christ--*"the love of Christ controls us"* [14a]

C. Hope

"Since we have such a hope, we are very _____" [II Corinthians 3:12]

D. The disposition of witness: _____

"We are not commending ourselves to you" [12]

"He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised." [14]

II. Three _____ of witness

A. _____

"Knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others" [11]

_____: the art of presenting and establishing the credibility of a particular belief

Earnest, _____ persuasion is the normal mode of apologetics

Paul "reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and tried to persuade Jews and Greeks." [Acts 18:4]

B. _____

1. Vs. impression management

2. Vs. _____

C. _____

1. Affections are caught as well as taught

"Postmodern evangelism is not so much an argument but a _____." [Webber]

"Relational beauty is essential to gospel persuasion" [Ray Ortlund]

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have _____ for one another." [John 13:35]

2. This kind of community is a harbinger of the new creation

"Behold, I am making all things new" [Revelation 21:5]