Christ Is The Message Of The Church

Intro: Many preachers today are getting up and preaching politics, personal beliefs, teaching of denominations, philosophy, etc. They seem to preach anything but Jesus Christ.

I. MARK 16:15-16 "15And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

A. The Gospel
B. 1 Cor. 15:1-4 "1Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

C. That Gospel must be obeyed:
   1. Rom. 6:17-18 "17But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. 18Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."
   2. 2 The. 1:6-9 "6Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; 7And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;"

II. PAUL IN CORINTH

A. 1 Cor. 1:18 "18For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."
B. 1 Cor. 1:23 "23But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;"

III. IN ACTS

A. Acts 8:35 "35Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus."
B. Acts 10:37-43 "37That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; 38How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. 39And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: 40Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; 41Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. 42And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. 43To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."

1. How God anointed Christ with the Holy Spirit.
   a. Took place at His baptism; Luke 3:21-22 "21Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, 22And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased."
   b. As priest
      (1) Heb. 2:17-3:1 "17Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. 18For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted,
he is able to succour them that are tempted. "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;"

(2) Heb. 4:14-16 "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

c. As prophet

(1) John 12:48-50 "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. "For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. "And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak."

(2) Heb. 1:1-2 "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, "Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;"

d. As king

(1) 1 Tim. 6:15 "Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;"

(2) Rev. 17:14 "These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."

(3) Rev. 19:16 "And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

2. How Jesus went about doing good

a. John 10:32 "Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?"

b. Mat. 4:23 "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people."

3. Whom they put to death by hanging on a cross.

4. Whom God raised up the third day.

5. Whom has been appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.

a. 2 Tim. 4:1 "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;"

b. 1 Pet. 4:5-6 "Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead. "For this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit."

c. 2 Cor. 5:10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

d. John 5:22, 27 "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:..." And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man."

6. Whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

IV. PREACHING CHRIST MEANS PREACHING HIS WORD

A. John 12:48 "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."
B. Acts 8:5, 12  
"5Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them....12But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women."
1. It means preaching the kingdom
2. It means preaching the authority of Christ
3. It means preaching baptism

C. It means preaching baptism; Acts 8:35, 36  
"35Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus....36And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?"

Conclusion: What would keep us from telling (preaching) this Gospel? How many have you led to Christ this year?