

# **The Privilege of Sharing Jesus**

## **Speaking Good Words for the Christ**

### **I Corinthians 1:22-24**

As we focus more attention on sharing the Gospel story with our neighbors, we are reminded that sharing is a distinct privilege. We can, however, easily become earth-bound in our thinking (Matt. 6:31-32). Consequently, our priorities, such as sharing, are not always shaped by the values of faith (II Cor. 5:7).

As the world around us looks for alternatives to Jesus, we need to be sufficiently focused on Jesus to be sure our friends have a chance to see the real thing. They might be surprised when they “come and see” (Jn. 1:46).

#### **The Privilege**

- The Greatest Story Ever Told
- A Treasure in Earthen Vessels (II Cor. 4:7)

#### **The Need to Speak**

- I must speak (I Pet. 2:9; 3:15)
- I must speak truthfully (Jn. 8:31-32)
- I must speak in love (Eph. 4:15)

#### **The Words**

- Powerful in their own right (Heb. 4:12; Jn. 6:63)
- Yet even more effective when fitly spoken (Prov. 25:11; Col. 4:5-6)

#### **Jesus**

- The most engaging man who ever lived!
- The fullness of all God's intentions (Eph. 1:22-23)!
- God with us (Jn. 1:1; 14; 18)!

It truly is a great privilege to speak good words for Jesus! Opportunities exist and others can be created. We are entering into exciting times. Are you ready!

Edwin S. Jones  
December 2, 2007