Why So Much Preaching Does So Little Good
Acts 13:24-31

Introduction:
A. The Jews’ ignorance of Jesus as Christ was not from lack of preaching (v. 24-27).
   1. They still ignorantly crucified him (Acts 3:17; 1 Cor. 2:8).
   2. While a Jew, Paul ignorantly rejected Him (1 Tim. 1:13)
B. The ignorance of spiritual things in America and the church is not from lack of preaching.
   1. Various church services
   2. Radio - Television - Printed Page.
C. The present-day ignorance can be laid to too factors:

Discussion:
I. Poor Preaching.
   A. Good preaching is scriptural in manner and matter (Lk. 12:11,12)
      1. The what or matter (2 Tim. 4:1-4; Mk. 16:15; Acts 20:20,26; 1 Tim.4:6,7)
      2. The how or manner (Eph. 4:15; 6:20; 1 Cor. 14:19).
   B. Good preaching applies the scriptures:
      1. To the audience (Neh. 8:8; 2 Sam. 12:7; Acts 2:36; Ill. “Am a cow”)
      2. To the speaker (1 Tim. 4:12, 16; 1 Cor. 9:27; Rom. 2:21).
         Note: Obey truth preached even if preacher does not apply it to himself (Mt. 23:2,3)
   C. Good preaching continues even without visible results.(cf. Noah)
      1. Does good if not seen immediately (Isa. 55:11)
      2. Must sow, leave increase to God (1 Cor. 3:6, 7).
      3. May not see full fruit until the judgment (cf. 1 Tim. 5:24,25).

II. Poor Listening.
   A. Listening, but not really paying attention (Neh. 8:3; Acts 17:11)
   C. Listening, but having room for the word (Lk. 8:14).
   E. Listening, but paying more attention to messenger than message (1 Cor. 2:1-4; 2 Cor. 10:10; Rom 16:18; Acts 4:13).
   F. Listening, but apply it to everyone but self (v. 27; 2 Sam. 12:5-7)

Conclusion:
A. Let us pray for good preaching and good listening.
B. Let us strive for good preaching and good listening.
C. Let us obey good preaching (cf. Jas. 1:22-25)