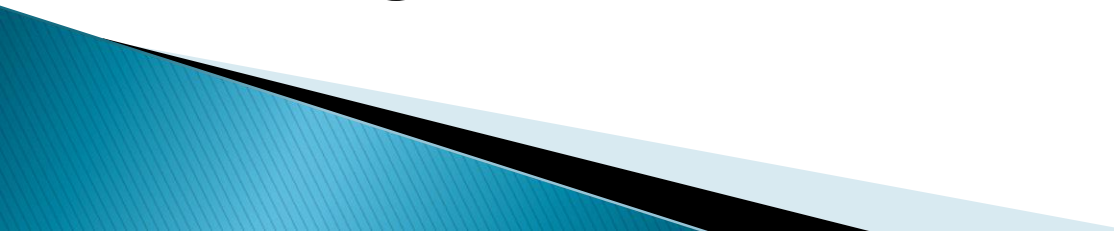


# The Principle New Testament Texts for Preachers ( from Acts and the Epistles )


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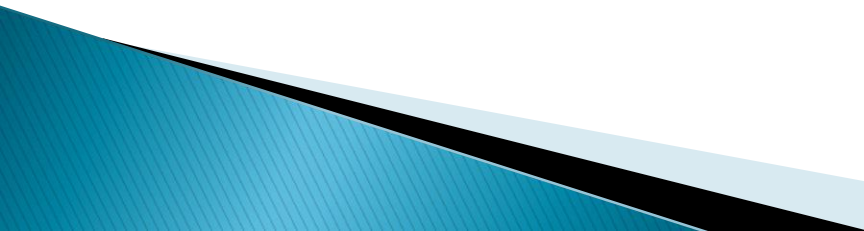
# Principles NT Texts

- ▶ These texts should be read and studied regularly by the preacher to remind him of his proper attitude and work
  - ▶ These texts can be used by preachers in preacher training programs
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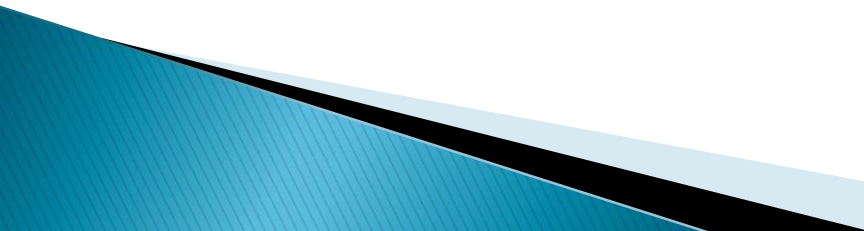
# Sermons in the Book of Acts

- ▶ Acts 2–3: Peter's sermon
  - ▶ Acts 7: Stephen's sermon
  - ▶ Acts 8: Philip's sermon
  - ▶ Acts 10: Peter's sermon
  - ▶ Acts 13: Paul's sermon
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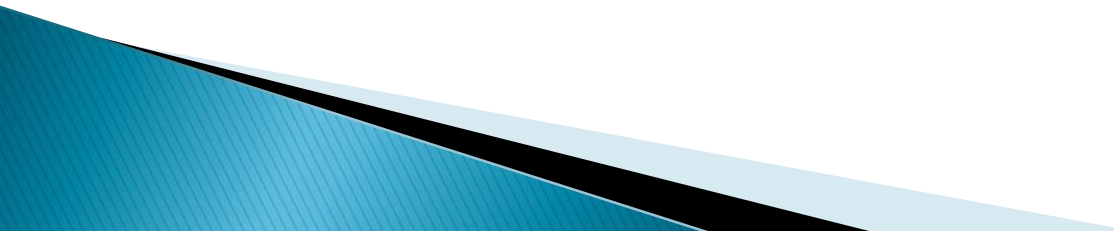
# Sermons in the Book of Acts

- ▶ Acts 14: Paul's sermon
  - ▶ Acts 15: Paul, Peter, James's response
  - ▶ Acts 17: Paul's sermon
  - ▶ Acts 22: Paul's sermon (defense)
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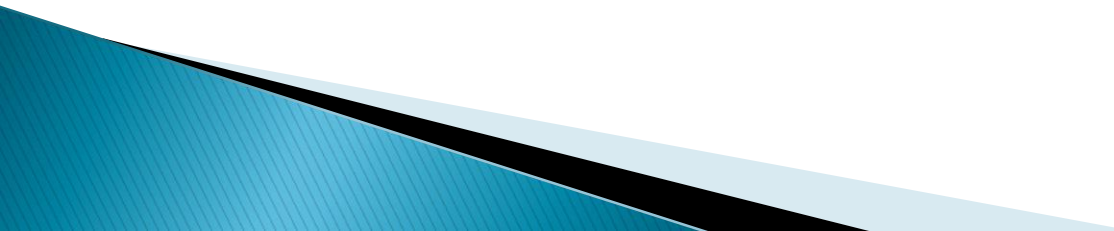
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- ▶ Acts 24: Paul's sermon (defense)
  - ▶ Acts 26: Paul's sermon (defense)
  - ▶ Acts 28: Paul's sermon
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# Sermons in the Book of Acts

- ▶ Consider the audience and circumstance that gave rise to the sermon
  - ▶ Look for how the speaker used Old Testament scripture: for defense, for illustration, for history, etc.
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# Sermons in the Book of Acts

- ▶ Identify the main flow of thought and theme of the sermon
  - ▶ Identify the different responses to the sermon and the speaker's response to the audience's response
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# Paul's Epistles

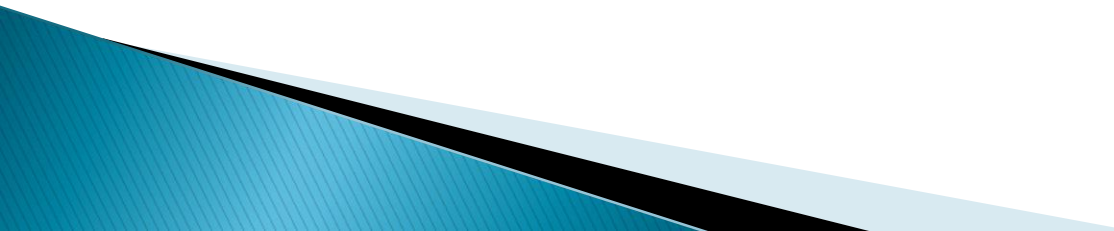
- ▶ 1 Cor. 1–4: preachers are not to be followed; they are merely fellow-servants
- ▶ 1 Cor. 9: be willing to give up and sacrifice personal liberties to do the Lord's work



# Paul's Epistles

- ▶ 2 Cor. 1–7; 10–13: live an upright life before others and be willing to defend your actions
- ▶ Gal. 1:6 – 2:10: preach the truth of the gospel only
- ▶ Gal. 2:11–14: do not act hypocritically

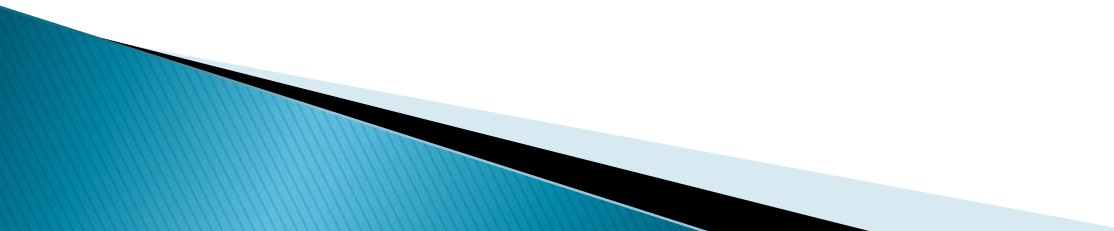
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- ▶ Gal. 4:12–19 – be willing to sacrifice and care deeply for your brethren
  - ▶ Phil. 1:12–18: do not preach with the wrong motives or to hurt others
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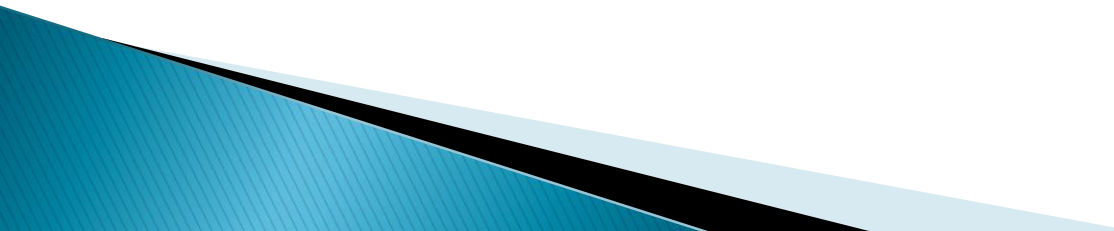
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- ▶ Phil. 3:1–3: sometimes it is important to remind your brethren of what they already know (see 2 Pet. 1:13)

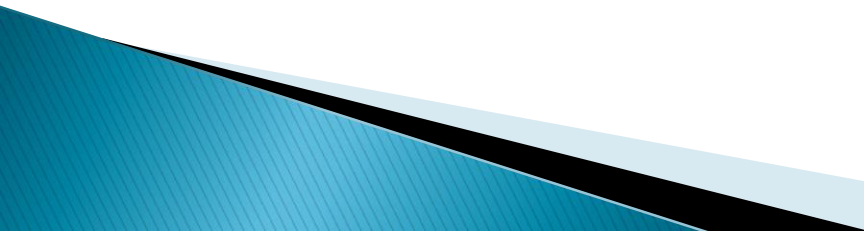
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- ▶ 1 Thess. 2:1 – 3:13: do not enrich yourself, but have great love and care for the brethren (see also Gal. 6:1–5)
  - ▶ 1 Tim. 1–6: care properly for yourself and for the local church
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# Paul's Epistles

- ▶ 2 Tim. 1–4: maintain a right relationship with the word of God at all times
  - ▶ Titus 1–3: direct the various local church members in their duties and responsibilities
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# Epistle of Hebrews

- ▶ Note how the “sermon” theme is put together (we call it an epistle)
  - ▶ Note the author’s use of OT scripture
  - ▶ Note the use of logical argument to show that Jesus is “better”
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# Epistle of Hebrews

- ▶ Note the references to the “word” of God
- ▶ Note what is written to encourage the audience (13:22)

# Peter's Epistles

- ▶ 1 Peter 4:11: speak only what God wants spoken
  - ▶ 2 Peter 1:12–14; 3:1–2: remind your brethren of what they already know when necessary
  - ▶ Jude 3–4: consider your audience and change the topic if necessary
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