

Teaching Sound Doctrine

Politically Correct Preaching/Teaching

The next 2 lessons will be dealing with the ongoing dangers of political correctness. You might be asking what does PC have to do with the church? Actually it has a lot to do with it. I will endeavor to show you clearly the danger the PC attitude plays in the life of the Christian.

The PC culture has invaded every aspect of peoples lives and spread like a plague. For better that 60 years now the PC crackpots have sought to control the speech of those they disagree with and its intrusion into the Lords church has reeked havoc.

Believe it or not the term “politically correct” has been around for a very long time. Here in the United States, the term “politically correct” first appeared in 1793, when it was used in the [U.S. Supreme Court’s](#) decision in the case of Chisholm v. Georgia dealing with the rights of state citizens to sue state governments in U.S. federal courts. During the 1920s, the term was used in political discussions between American [communists](#) and [socialists](#) to refer to a strict, almost dogmatic, adherence to the Soviet Union’s Communist Party doctrine, which socialists considered to be the “correct” position in all political issues.

The term was first used sarcastically during the late 1970s and early 1980s by moderate-to-liberal politicians to refer to the stance of extreme left-wing liberals on some issues considered by the moderates to be frivolous or of little actual importance to their causes. In the early 1990s, conservatives had begun using “political correctness” in a pejorative manner criticizing the teaching and advocacy of what they considered left-wing liberal ideology “gone wild” in U.S. colleges, universities, and liberal-leaning media.

In May 1991, then President George H.W. Bush used the term when he told the graduating class of the University of Michigan that, “The notion of political correctness has ignited controversy across the land. And although the movement arises from the laudable desire to sweep away the debris of racism and sexism and hatred, it replaces old prejudice with new ones. It declares certain topics off-limits, certain expression off-limits, and even certain gestures off-limits.”

Now that we have a short description of what PC is lets apply it to the Christian.

The preacher/teacher/Christian should be more concerned about pleasing God than being politically correct.

Bear with me here in a little folly, even though it's not really humorous, in the first half of this Lesson. If the message of Christ and the defense of the gospel were delivered politically correct or (P.C.) it may resemble the following.

P.C. Repentance

John came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, "If anyone would like to repent you really should, because the kingdom of God is at hand. But I don't mean to imply that you have anything to repent of because the thought of personal sin may lower your self-esteem."

P.C. Conviction of Sin

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." And Peter continued by encouraging those guilty of killing the Messiah to get counselling so they could rid themselves of any personal guilt.

P.C. In Regards To Controversial Issues

Thou shall forbear from preaching or teaching on sensitive issues such as marriage, divorce and remarriage, especially if there is someone in a questionable relationship in the congregation. Sermons of this nature only alienate people and decrease your attendance and you can't afford to lose any more people due to offensive preaching. Also, when holding meetings a preacher will be sure to abstain from discussions on MDR, social drinking, modesty, etc. because it may hinder your opportunities from being invited back.

P.C. Character Protection Program

Having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck. But I won't tell you who they are because that would be extremely rude for me to mention them by name, even though they have been delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme. Also shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. And their message will spread like cancer. And while they overthrow the faith of some, I will refrain from naming them because it might offend them or people close to them.

There is also a brother who loves to have the preeminence among them and does not receive us. Therefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he does although they continue prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting them out of the church. I will allow the circumstance to slide so as not cause a commotion and I think it best for this member to remain anonymous so you won't think less of him.

P.C. Rules of Fellowship

Now I beseech you, brethren, if any among you seems to be sincere in their teaching, even though desperately wrong, you shall not mark or avoid them, especially if they have been preaching for a number of years, lest by your actions you are accused of enlarging your own party and forming a new denomination. And if there exist among you those who insist on exposing error, you shall shun them because they are just mean spirited people.

P.C. Job Security

Thou shall not support or defend any brother, church or publication that resorts to name calling because it may displease the elders or local church for which you're preaching and you may lose your job.

P.C. Resources

Unless otherwise noted, the above passages were taken from the books of "1st Opinions & 2nd Hesitations."