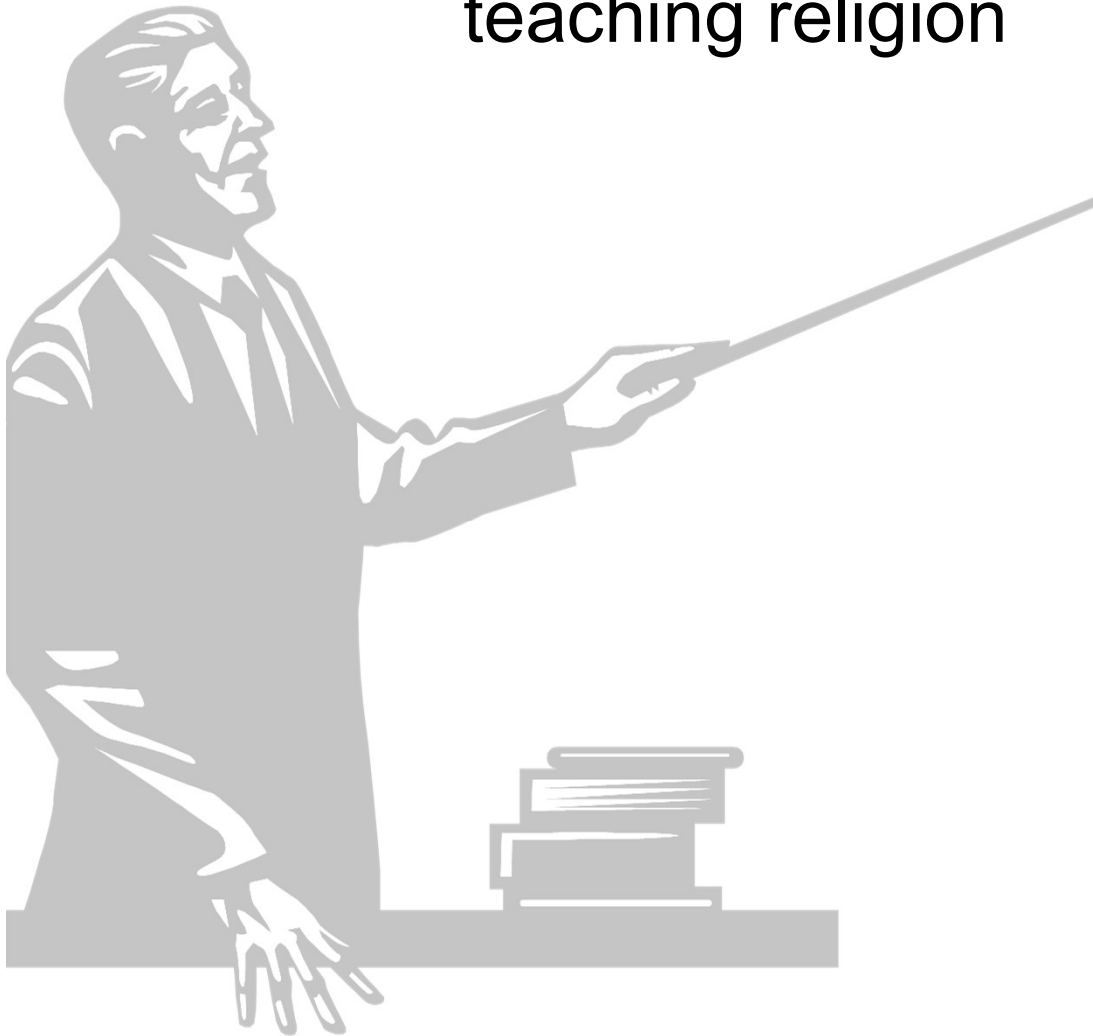


Christianity, A Teaching Religion

- Christ established Christianity as a teaching religion



Matthew 4:19

“And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Matthew 28:19,20

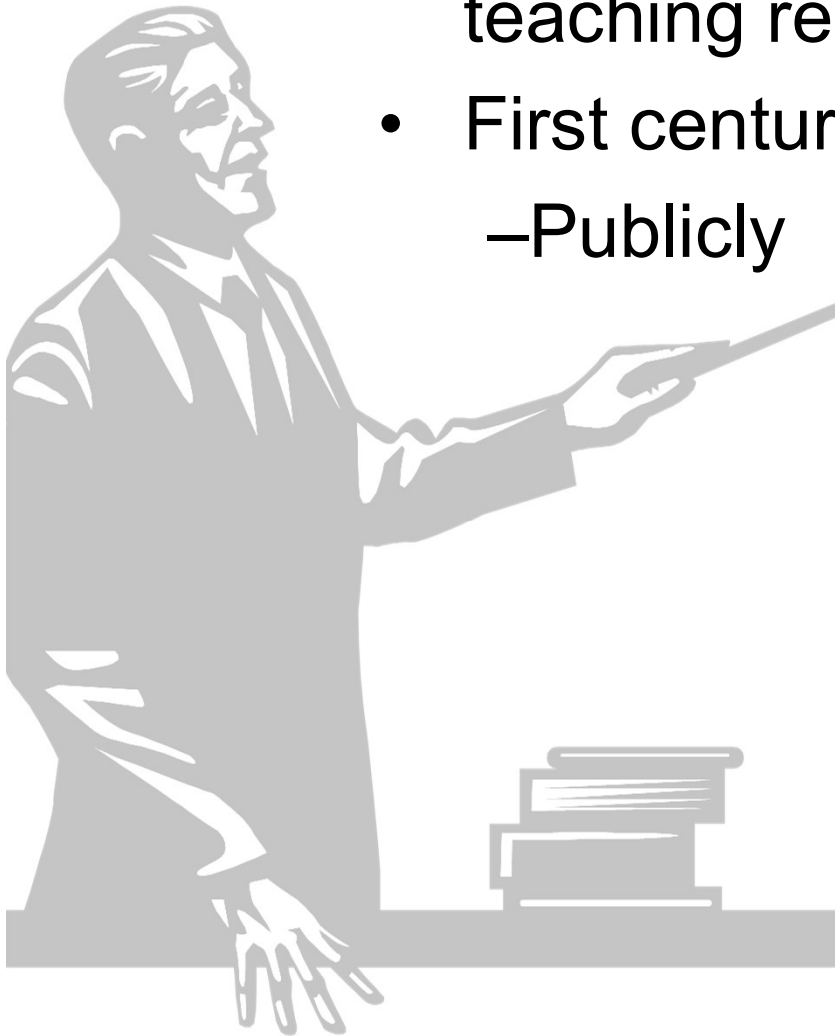
“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Mark 16:15,16

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”

Christianity, A Teaching Religion

- Christ established Christianity as a teaching religion
- First century Christians taught:
 - Publicly



Acts 2:14,41

“But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:... Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.”

Acts 17:22

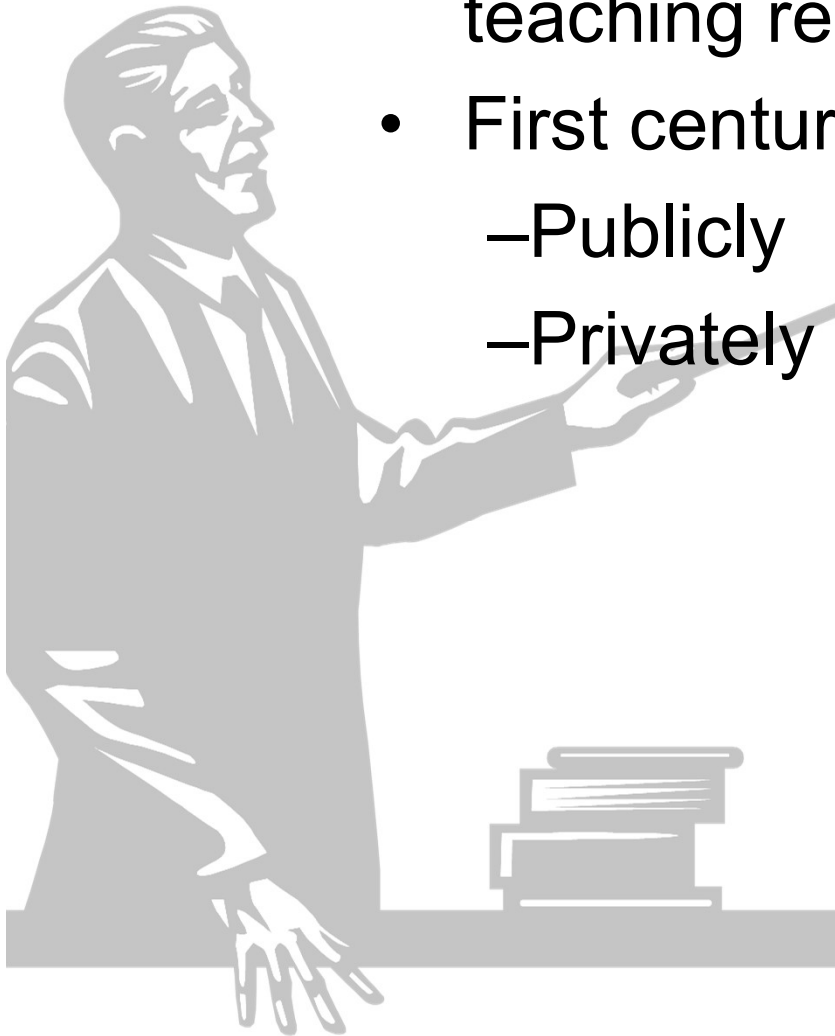
“Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.”

Acts 13:14-16

“But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down. And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on. Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience.”

Christianity, A Teaching Religion

- Christ established Christianity as a teaching religion
- First century Christians taught:
 - Publicly
 - Privately



Acts 20:20

“And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,”

Acts 18:26

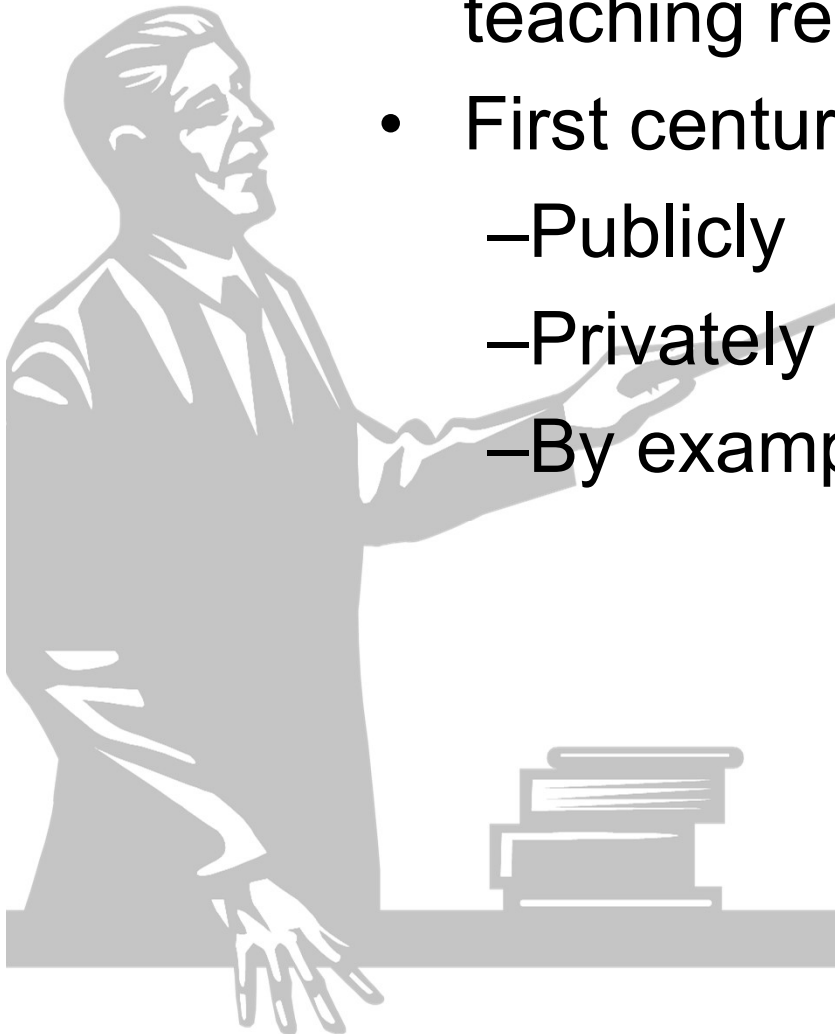
“And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.”

Acts 16:29-32

“Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.”

Christianity, A Teaching Religion

- Christ established Christianity as a teaching religion
- First century Christians taught:
 - Publicly
 - Privately
 - By example



I Timothy 4:12

“Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”

Titus 2:8,9

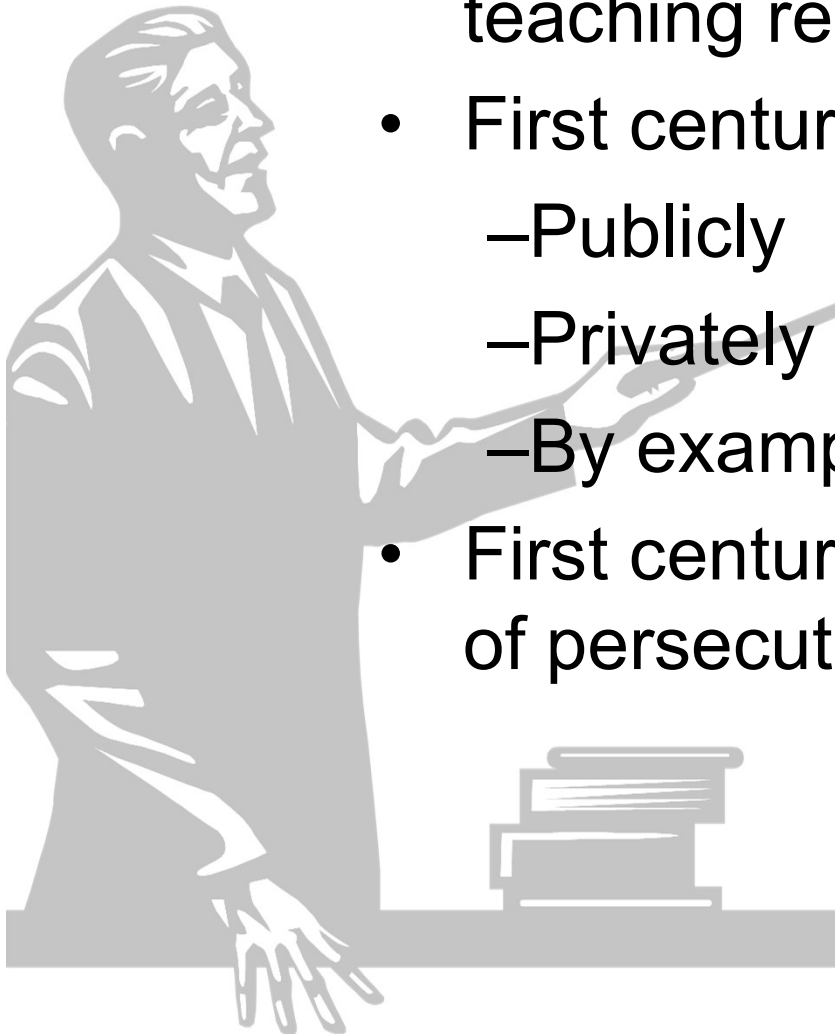
“In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.”

I Peter 3:1,2

“Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.”

Christianity, A Teaching Religion

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- First century Christians taught:
 - Publicly
 - Privately
 - By example
- First century Christians taught in the face of persecution



Acts 4:18,19

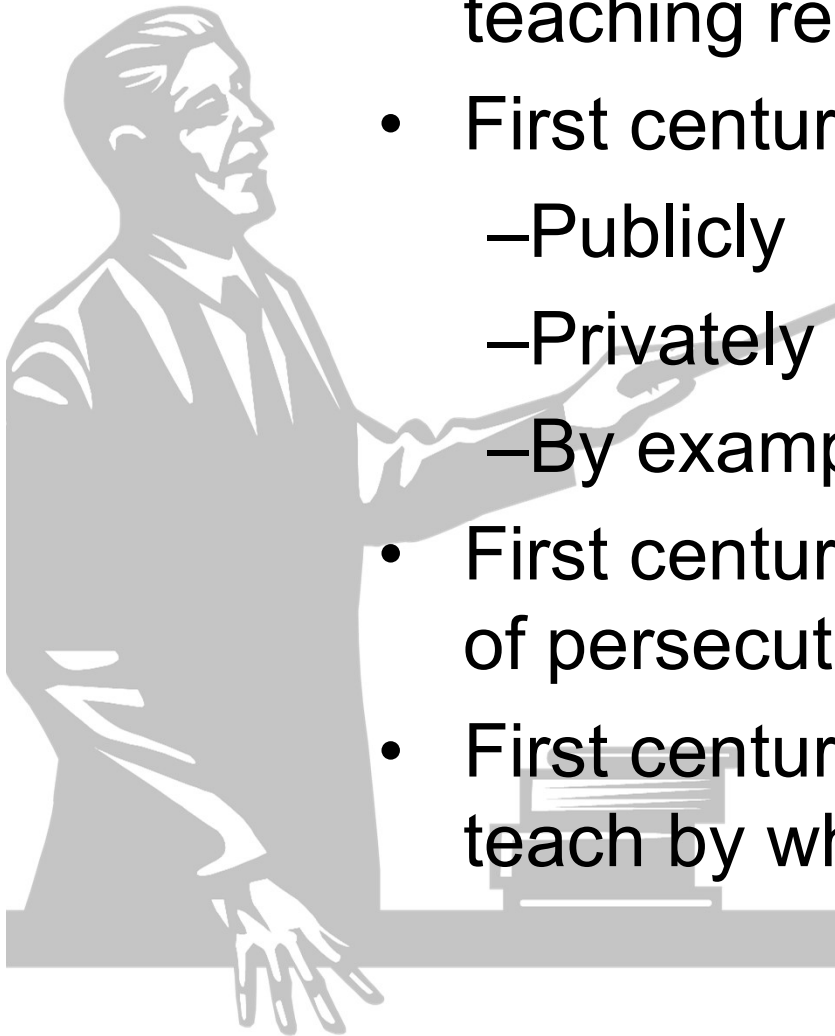
“And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.”

Acts 5:40,41

“And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.”

Christianity, A Teaching Religion

- Christ established Christianity as a teaching religion
- First century Christians taught:
 - Publicly
 - Privately
 - By example
- First century Christians taught in the face of persecution
- First century Christians were moved to teach by what they had experienced



Acts 4:19,20

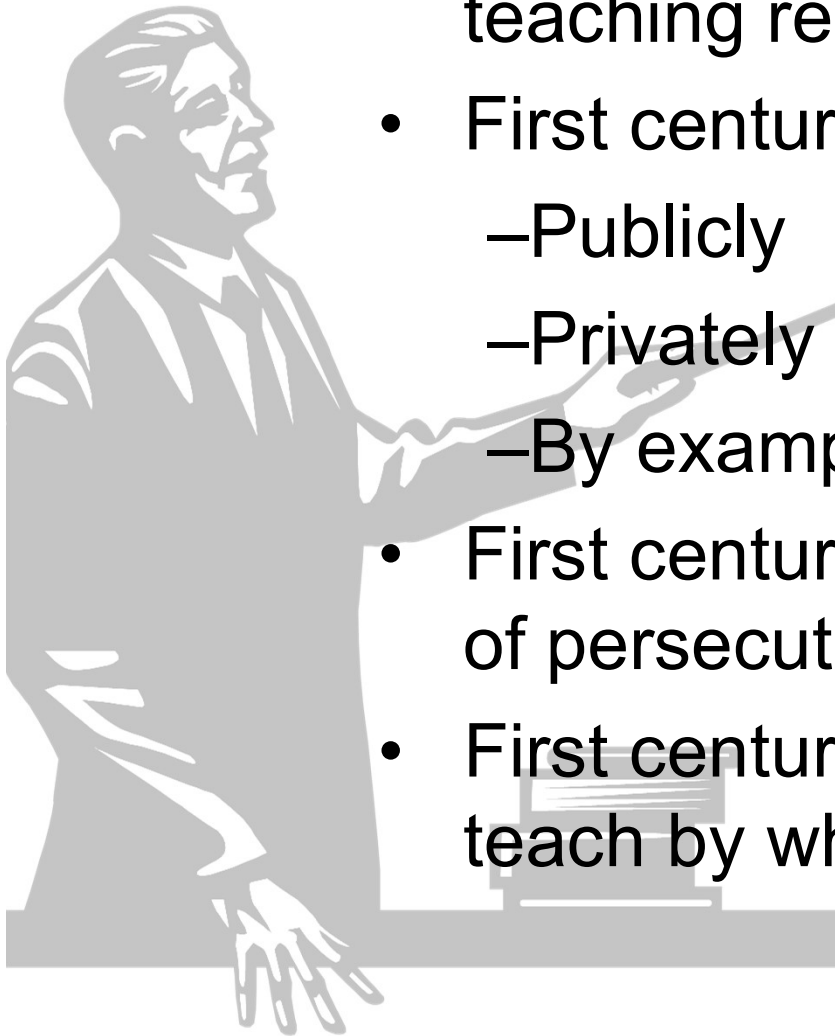
“But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”

I John 1:1-3

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.”

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Christianity is not:

- a “Make Others Listen” religion



Matthew 10:14

“And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.”

Acts 13:46

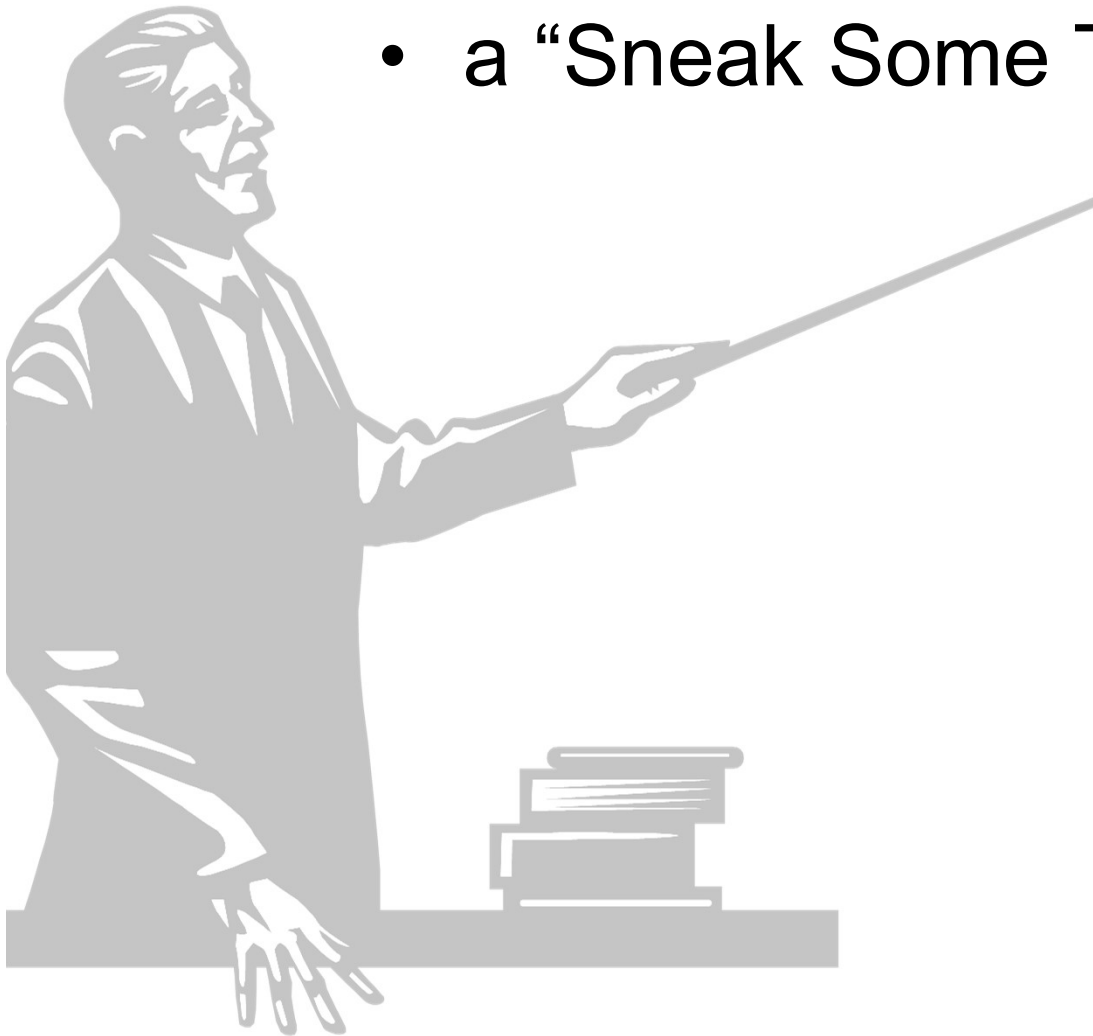
“Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.”

Luke 10:16

“He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.”

Christianity is not:

- a “Make Others Listen” religion
- a “Sneak Some Teaching In” religion



John 6:26

“Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.”

Romans 1:16

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

Acts 9:27-29

“But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem. And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.”

Christianity is not:

- a “Make Others Listen” religion
- a “Sneak Some Teaching In” religion
- a “Change the Message to Fit the Times” religion



Jude 3

“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”

I Peter 1:23-25

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”

Christianity is not:

- a “Make Others Listen” religion
- a “Sneak Some Teaching In” religion
- a “Change the Message to Fit the Times” religion
- a “Find Good Prospects” religion



Galatians 1:13,14

“For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.”

Acts 8:3

“As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.”

II Timothy 2:24-26

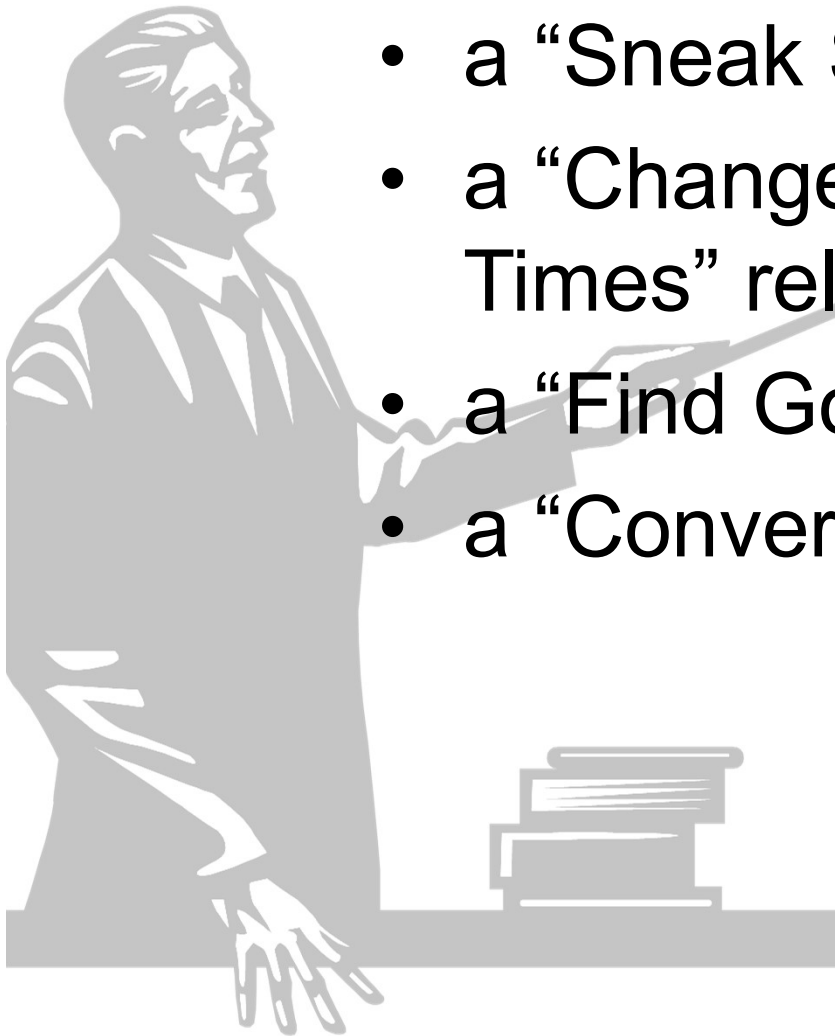
“And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.”

I Samuel 16:7

“... for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.”

Christianity is not:

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- a “Sneak Some Teaching In” religion
- a “Change the Message to Fit the Times” religion
- a “Find Good Prospects” religion
- a “Convert Others” religion



I Corinthians 1:17

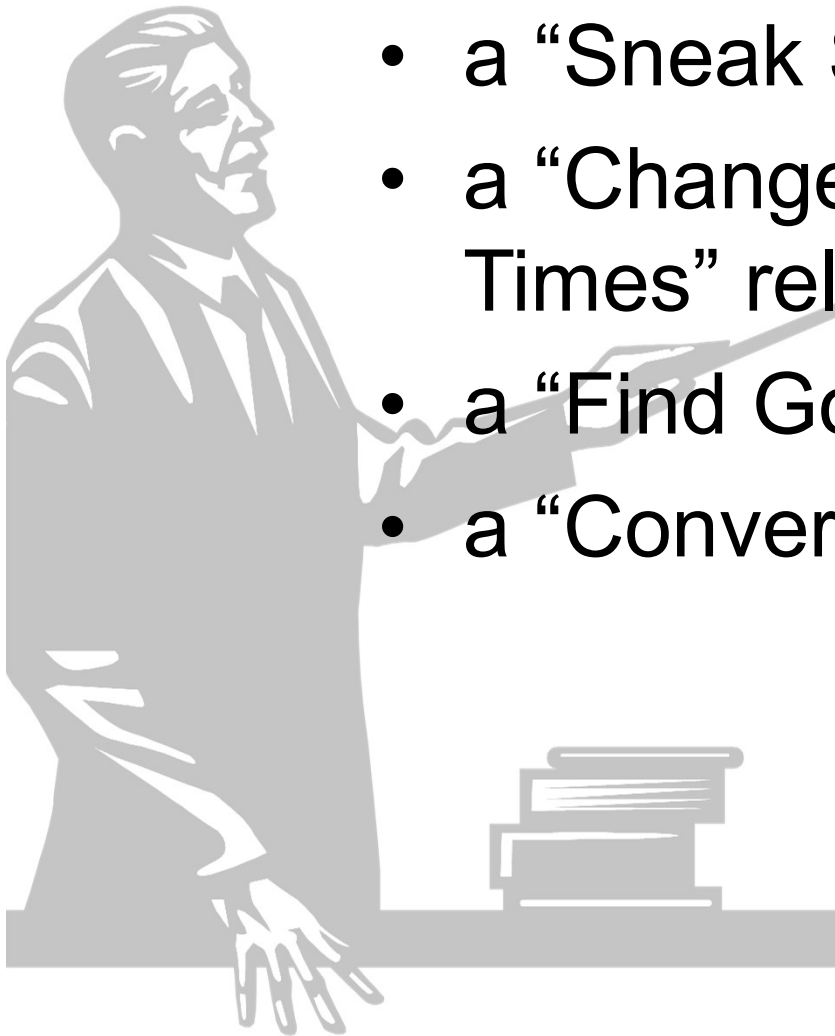
“For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.”

I Corinthians 3:6,7

“I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.”

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Christianity, A Teaching Religion

But how?

“...Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.” --Mark 5:19

