

Ashamed of the Gospel

When the Church Becomes Like the World

Lesson #1 Introduction and Preface to the book

Read Preface 2010 and Preface 1993 and answer the following questions from pages 13-34.

- 1) How did the “Age of Reason” more or less get started?

- 2) How has Western Evangelism become weak, worldly and man-centered?

- 3) Why should Christians today, need to be careful when gaining information on the internet?

- 4) Define Postmodernism.

- 5) How did Generation X parent’s teach them to bring worldly trends into the church?

- 6) What is the meaning of *Pragmatism*?

- 7) Why is pragmatism wrong for a Christian as a rule for truth?

- 8) When a church is pragmatic, it’s _____ now takes a back seat to _____.

- 9) What were the four priorities of the early church?

- 10) Because of pragmatism, what are Pastors looking for to help their churches grow?

- 11) How did Modernism set the stage for Theological Liberalism to come into the churches?

- 12) What were the Modernists trying to make the church like?

- 13) Where have the most devastating assaults of the faith usually come from?

- 14) What happens when we use worldly devices to build the church?

- 15) What is the meaning of Worldliness?

- 16) What should the overriding goal be of any local church of Jesus Christ?

- 17) What is the author's complaint regarding the philosophy of pragmatism?