

Intro – We have experienced various “trends” in the church.

I. WHY HAVE WE STOPPED GROWING?

1. We are ashamed _____

Faith vs. Form - _____

2. We are ashamed _____

- Ecclesiastes 8:16-17 _____

- Ephesians 6:19 _____

3. We are ashamed _____

- We are reluctant to suffer a loss of status. _____

- Without “death” there is no gospel. _____

II. RESTORING GROWTH

Paul has the key to both upward and downward trends in Romans 1:15-17.

Let's be _____ - verse 15

Most churches use the majority of their resources to fund a meeting place to house a service twice or three times per week.

We have got to preach like Tim Horton's.

2. Let us _____ - verse 16

- Our prejudice is based on class. _____

3. Let us _____ - verse 17

We have arbitrarily changed the boundary lines of the gospel.

The "FORM" has 5 steps:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

- Paul was not ashamed. _____

- Romans 1:17 _____

Expressions of faith are necessary and Biblical but they are not the essence of the Good News.

- Preach to save, preach to grow _____

SUMMARY

God bless you.