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Let Apollos and me be regarded as mere servants of Christ who are stewards of God's mysteries. 1 Corinthians 4:1

1. We preach Christ nailed to the cross.
 - a. A scandal over which Israel stumbled
 - b. A senseless truth to the nations of mere men
 - c. The those being saved - Good News
2. Jesus told the Jews of his hour: *His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen;* (John 5:37)
 - a. How the may we “see” God?
 - b. How are we to “know” him? *John 17:3 Now this is eternal life- that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent.*
3. **God was in Christ reconciling creation to himself**
 - a. II Corinthians 5:19
 - b. How are we to understand the God who reveals himself in the Cross of the Christ?
4. Metaphors used in the New Testament
 - a. **ἵλασμός** - propitiation - expiation - atonement
 - b. **ἱλαστήριος**, with a focus on the place where sins are forgiven by means of the blood from an atoning sacrifice placed there *place of forgiveness*
 - c. **δικαιοσύνη** - righteousness - just - upright
 - d. **λύτρον** - ransom - Mark 10:45 - the cost of freedom
 - e. **ἐξαγοράζω** - Galatians 4:5 - liberate - deliver
 - f. **ἀποκαταλλάξαι** *transfer from one state to another quite different state*, Colossians 1:20
 - g. **θυσία** sacrifice, offering; Hebrews 10:12
 - h. **πάσχα** *Passover or Paschal lamb - I Corinthians 5:7*
5. All of these ought to be filtered through **Philippians 2:5-11**