

Politically Correct?

Everyone is having to learn new terms
so that no one is offended.
Homosexuality – now Gay
Washington Redskins?



Introduction

- Many terms that were OK – now are not acceptable
 - Some are offensive – stop using them
 - Many are just attempts to not offend
 - The lost must confront their situation
- Certainly we must not be abusive with our speech
- Today, some have gone overboard
- What can we learn about being PC?

Jesus was not PC

- Jesus did not adjust his message to please the hearers
- **John 2:14-17** – money changers
- **Matthew 12:34** Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.
- **Mathew 23** – Hypocrites (8 times)

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- **John 8:44** You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Early Church was not PC

- **Acts 5:17** Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation,
- **Acts 6:9** Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen.

Early Church was not PC

- **Acts 7:59** And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."
- **Acts 13:45** But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul.

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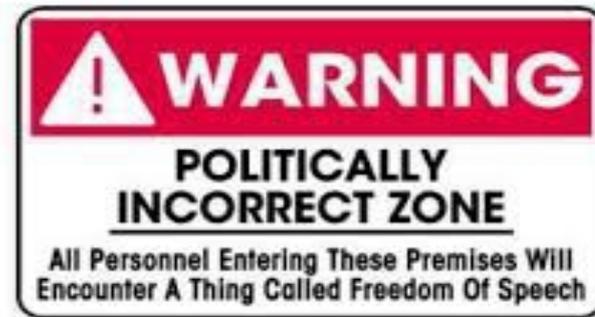
- **Acts 16:20-21** 20 And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city;
- 21 and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe."
- **Acts 19:9** But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.

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- **Acts 21:30-31** 30 And all the city was disturbed; and the people ran together, seized Paul, and dragged him out of the temple; and immediately the doors were shut. 31 Now as they were seeking to kill him, news came to the commander of the garrison that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

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- **Acts 24:5** For we have found this man a plague, a creator of dissension among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes.



What about today?

- Existence of God
- Creation of world
- Sermon on Jesus
- Virgin birth
- Miracles of Jesus
- Preach the cross
- Offend atheists
- Offend evolutionists
- Stone of stumbling
- Offend modernists
- Offend liberals
- Offend world religions

What about today?

- Preach the church
- Preach on worship
- Preach on baptism
- Preach on obedience
- Preach on MDR
- Offend denominations
- Offend worship as they desire
- Offend faith only
- Offend works only
- Offend adulterers

What about today?

- Preach on women's role
- Preach on hell
- Preach on same-sex marriage
- Preach on heaven
- Offend women's lib
- Offend universalists
- Offend the homosexuals
- Offend secular, this life only

Christians and PC

- **In the world** – there are offensive terms that we must avoid
- **In the spiritual realm** – there are times that we must cause people to confront the danger of their situation
- We must not fear the PC police.
- We must fear failing to warn the lost.