FIRST CENTURY CHRISTIANITY
Jeremiah 6:16, 17

INTRODUCTION:
1. 21st century Christianity must hold before itself the image of 1st century Christianity.
2. World has strayed from the “old paths.”
3. First century Christians is...

BODY:
1. **...NOT THE PRODUCT OF MAN'S INGENUITY**
   A. Man had no part in development - 1 Cor. 1:19-24
   B. Man failed to provide a way - Rom. 1:21, 22
   C. Man’s mind too feeble to do so - 1 Cor. 2:9; Jere.10:23
   D. Christianity is a walk of faith with God - 2 Cor. 5:7
   E. Faith is from God and by His word - Rom. 10:17
2. **...A RELIGION OF GOING**
   A. Propelled by the Great Commission - Mt. 28:19, 20
   B. Propelled by concern - Acts 5:42; 8:4
3. **...A RELIGION OF SACRIFICE**
   A. Christ gave himself - Phil. 2:6-11
   B. Disciples gave themselves - Phil. 2:17
   C. We are called upon to give ourselves - Rom. 12:1; Gal. 2:20
4. **...A VICTORIOUS RELIGION**
   A. Vast numbers embraced it - Acts 2:40; 4:4; 4:32; 5:14
   B. Early church carried gospel to entire world - Col. 1:23
5. **...A RELIGION OF KNOWLEDGE**
   A. Christianity sought to instill in man knowledge of God and His will - 1 Thess. 4:13; 2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Pet. 1:3
6. **...A RELIGION OF CONVICTION**
   A. Early church understood concept of conviction.
   B. Examples of this conviction:
      2. Aquila and Pricilla - Rom. 16:3, 4
      3. Epaphroditus - Phil. 2:25-30
      4. Paul - 2 Cor. 11:23-28
7. **...A RELIGION OF EXCLUSIVENESS**
   A. Church composed of those who no longer were of the world - 1 Jhn. 2:15-17; 5:4, 5
   B. Citizenship in heaven - Phil. 3:20
   C. Distinct and unique - Tit. 2:11-14
8. **...A RELIGION OF REFLECTION AND EXAMPLE**
   A. Christianity was evident in their lives - 2 Cor. 3:2
   B. A fundamental teaching of Christ - Mt. 5:13-16
C. Also of the Apostles - Phil. 2:14-16

CONCLUSION:
1. It is imperative that we practice these in our lives