

Preaching the Gospel

Introduction

1. The apostle Paul exhorted Timothy:

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

2. Why should the Word of God be preached?

A. Preaching is important to God.

Titus 1:3 but has in due time **manifested His word through preaching**, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;

B. Jesus told His disciples....

Luke 24:47 and that **repentance and remission of sins should be preached** in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

C. Paul stated that....

1 Corinthians 1:21it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached **to save those who believe**.

D. Paul also stated how important preaching is in Romans 10:

Romans 10:14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? **And how shall they hear without a preacher?**

3. The Bible declares that preaching is very important.

What Kind of Preaching Do We Need?

1. **Bible - based:**

- A. **Paul tells the younger Timothy to “preach the word.”**
 - 1) **He did not tell him to preach psychology, denominational creeds, traditions of men, nor even the latest in self-help philosophies.**
 - 2) **He was to preach the GOSPEL**
- B. **Because only when the word of God is preached can men be saved.**

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for **it is the power of God to salvation** for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but **to us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

James 1:21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and **receive with meekness the implanted word**, which is able to save your souls.

- C. **Preachers need to make sure that their sermons are grounded in the text of Scripture.**
2 Timothy 3:16-17

2. Plain:**A. The words of God's prophet Habakkuk fit well with this lesson.**

Habakkuk 2:2 Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.

- 1) **Not only should we write the gospel plainly we must speak it plainly as well.**
- 2) **Brethren in Christ need to hear forthrightly that denominationalism, materialism, and worldliness of every sort is sinful.**
- 3) **Brethren need to know the importance of putting the Lord and His kingdom first through diligence in the work of the Lord.**

Matthew 6:33 But **seek first the kingdom of God** and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, **always abounding in the work of the Lord**, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

B. Preacher must be plain spoken, letting the audience know the truth about sin and its consequences (instant in season and out of season).

3. Heart - penetrating:

A. If preaching is Bible-based and plainly spoken, then it ought to be heart-penetrating.

1) When God's word is sounded forth, it will not return to Him void.

Isaiah 55:11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, **And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.**

B. When the gospel was preached in the first century it "cut" or "pricked" men's hearts (Acts 2:37).

1) The gospel preacher must preach "Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2).

C. The message of the cross will have a "heart-penetrating" effect!

4. Christ-centered:

- A. The Lord ought to be exalted in every sermon that is preached. He is “king of kings” and “Lord of Lords”**
(1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 19:16).
- B. He should be at the heart of every message preached.**
- C. It must be remembered that He cannot be exalted unless His bride, the church is exalted as well!**

Matthew 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Acts 20:28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Ephesians 1:22-23 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 5:22-33

- D. People need to hear the story of Jesus so that they may write on their heart EVERY word (Matthew 4:4).**

Conclusion

- 1. Let us not forget the great need we have for Bible-based, plainly spoken, heart-penetrating and Christ-centered preaching in the Lord’s church today.**
- 2. This is the kind of preaching that can save the world.**
Mark 16:15-16

Invitation

Place

Date
