

Preaching the Gospel to all the World in Every Generation:

The most important thing we do is: Preach the Gospel:

Isaiah 6:1-8 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, [*/s*] the LORD of hosts: the whole earth [*/s*] full of his glory.

4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then said I, Woe [*/s*] me! for I am undone; because I [*am*] a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, [*which*] he had taken with the tongs from off the altar;

7 And he laid [*/t*] upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here [*am*] I; send me.

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, [*even*] unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mark 16:15-16 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Not all preachers can do the work of an evangelist ... most would not be permitted to take the necessary time to deliver a proper lesson by their congregations. Where else but here can the evangelist preach an hour sermon?

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PREACHING: “Keerux, the preacher, kee-russ-oo, I preach and Kerygma (kay-roog-ma) the speech, or the preaching and it’s associated words:

Eu-an-ge-list-ees the evangelist, **eu-an-ge-lion**, the gospel and **eu-an-ge-li-zoo**, I preach the gospel, frequently occur in the Greek Christian scriptures.

They are completely different words from: **did-ask-a-lia** and **did-ask-oo**, I teach, **did-ask-a-lia** and **did-ach-ee** a doctrine, and **did-ask-a-lia** and **did-ask-o-los** a teacher.

Alexander Campbell said regarding this distinction: “No two such families of words of so many branches, and of so large a currency are more distinguishable or more frequently distinguished in the whole nomenclature of the Christian Scriptures.”

And, of course, he also said: “No inspired writer made a distinction without a difference:” See **Alexander Campbell Preacher of Reform & Reformer of Preaching/Fitch/Sweet Publishing Co.**

In other words preaching and teaching are two separate things. **Preaching Gospel**

I Corinthians 15:3-4 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

The early preaching had to do not with tenets or doctrine but with precepts to be obeyed because the Word has become flesh and died on the tree for you, personally.

Preaching is not to impart Church of Christ orthodox views . . . but rather it is to, thunder through the lost’s mind, heart and emotion producing Godly sorrow for their sins and Bible repentance. Real Bible belief, i.e.: faith, trust and reliance from the heart and soul that Christ died for “my” sins according to the scriptures; and trust with reliance that He can and will save me, must be produced prior to baptism or it’s an empty ritual.

Romans 6:3-6 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into

death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Alexander Campbell wrote: “Baptism has NO ABSTRACT EFFICACY. Without PREVIOUS FAITH in the blood of Christ and DEEP and unfeigned REPENTANCE before God. NEITHER immersion in water or any other ACTION, can secure the blessings of peace and pardon.” See the Christian Baptist/College Press.

The preacher announces the wonderful works of God in Christ. He is to read, reason, state, illustrate and prove the great gospel facts.

Luke 24:44-49 And he said unto them, These [*are*] the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and [*in*] the prophets, and [*in*] the psalms, concerning me. 45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And ye are witnesses of these things. 49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

The Apostle Paul charged Timothy to do the following as his work as a evangelist

II Timothy 3:12-17 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned [*them*];

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

“... from a child ...” hyperbole ...Timothy could not recall a period when he had not known the sacred writings.

“...thou hast known the holy scriptures” Greek gram-ma the sacred writings of the Old Testament

Scholars agree that this verse applies to the Old Testament, but the error comes when some of them also make the next verse refer to the Old Testament, on the premise that the New Testament at the time of Paul's writing had not been written. Most of the New Testament had indeed already been written. In fact every book of the New Testament preceding II Timothy, of which there are no less than fifteen, had already been in circulation for a period of time some covering up to three decades!

16 All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

"... All scripture" Greek Gra-phe In distinction from the "sacred writings" in the previous verse "all Scripture" here means everything which, through the testimony of the Holy Spirit in the church, is recognized by the church as canonical. When Paul wrote these words, the direct reference was to a body of sacred literature which even then contained more than the Old Testament

17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

II Timothy 4:1-5 I charge [thee] therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Preach the word ... Something of what this means has been lost in the modern definition of preaching. The true meaning is "Herald the word of God in its completeness, not altering it in any way, nor adding anything of his own that is borrowed from another source." It also includes the mandate to announce to men the total message as God gave it. Paul said, "I shrank not from declaring unto you the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27).

Real preaching when compared to the brilliant little intellectual essays, which are just as suitable for the Elks Club or Kiwanis club as for the church are the stock in trade of modern "preaching," but they simply do not qualify as "preaching" in the New Testament frame of reference.

Lenski said, "Many a preacher who should be a herald and is not ... must stammer and blush when he faces Christ's appearance and his kingdom.

Reprove ... This means to censure, as for a fault, and to express disapproval of the actions of others, certainly a totally lost art in modern preaching.

Rebuke ... This is even a stronger word that means "to reprove sharply, to reprimand with authority." The preacher should never forget WHOSE word it is that he preaches.

Exhort ... The meaning here is "to urge by earnest appeal or argument," but it also carries the idea of persuasion.

With all longsuffering and doctrine ... The love of God should be evident in the tenderness of the evangelist.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away [*their*] ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Preachers: Stay with the book, read the Bible out loud, explain each verse.

Always remember the Bible is the greatest story ever told: your job is to tell it by reading it ... you can't improve upon it.

Take the story of David and Bathsheba II Samuel 11:1 as an example read the whole chapter. Then Read II Samuel 12:1-13 where God sends Nathan the prophet to expose David's secret and David. Then Read Psalm 51 or 38 the story of David's repentance.

How can you improve on the story already told?

Preachers you are not a psychologist, keep the jokes, pontificating and yak yak to a minimum, always remember your words are not inspired.

II Timothy 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

The Psalmist prophesied the Apostles would Complete their World Wide Mission.

Psalm 19:1-14 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handy work.

Literally, “The heavens number out the glory of the strong God.” A first view of the starry heavens strikes every beholder with astonishment at the power by which they were made, and by which they consist and are supported.

The firmament - The whole visible expanse; not only containing the celestial bodies above referred to, but also the air, light, rains, dew all of nature ... And then when the composition of the principles of the whole creation is examined the animal kingdom, the birds and fishes the glory and splendor of God is manifest.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

Each day of a gospel preacher is represented as teaching another truth of God’s revelation. The nights also, by the same figure, are represented as a time for the giving information to each soul and increasing the knowledge they have already gained.

“The labors of these our instructors know no intermission; but they continue incessantly to lecture and teach day and night.

3 [*There is*] no speech nor language, [*where*] their voice is not heard

Literally: “No speech, and no words; their voice without hearing.”

“Into all the earth hath gone out their sound; and to the extremity of the habitable world, their eloquence.”

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun

The Hebrew word *kau* we translate line in Paul Romans 10:18 uses the same term. The idea here is taken from a stretched cord, that emits a sound on being struck; and may be either their line, or cord, or their sound, i.e. Preaching.

The Hebrew is, “Among them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun.” Just as the sun is the center of the universe; all the other heavenly bodies revolve around it from God’s point of view everything revolves around preaching. He is like a general in his pavilion, surrounded by his troops, to whom he gives his orders, and by whom he is obeyed. Just as the sun gives light, heat and warmth to those who

dwell upon the earth the Gospel by preaching gives light, heat and warmth to the heart of believers. Which [*is*] as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, [*and*] rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

6 His going forth [*is*] from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 The law of the LORD [*is*] perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD [*is*] sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the LORD [*are*] right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD [*is*] pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD [*is*] clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD [*are*] true [*and*] righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired [*are they*] than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: [*and*] in keeping of them [*there is*] great reward.

12 Who can understand [*his*] errors? cleanse thou me from secret [*faults*].

13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous [*sins*]; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

The Apostles and 1st century Church did it.

Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with [*them*], and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Acts 28:22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that everywhere it is spoken against.

Romans 1:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

Romans 10:14-18 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? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then faith [*cometh*] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. 18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world

Colossians 1:5-6 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; 6 Which is come unto you, as [*it is*] in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as [*it doth*] also in you, since the day ye heard [*of it*], and knew the grace of God in truth:

Colossians 1:23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and [*be*] not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, [*and*] which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

I Thessalonians 1:7-8 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

Giving of our \$ for preaching the Gospel and the Poor is a blessing and has blessed me for 20 years:

Malachi 3:8-10 8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. 9 Ye [*are*] cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, [*even*] this whole nation. 10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that [*there shall*] not [*be room*] enough [*to receive it*].

Acts 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

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