

Why Do We Preach? February 26, 2023

Preaching: to make an official announcement, to make known, to proclaim aloud

1 Peter 2:9, *“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of God.”*

1 Peter 3:15, *“Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you.”*

Jeremiah 20:9, *“If I say, ‘I will not remember God, or speak anymore in His name,’ then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire shut up in my bones; and I am weary of holding it in.”*

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1. God Speaks

Ezekiel 12:25, *“For I the Lord will speak, and whatever word I speak will be performed. It will no longer be delayed, for in your days, O rebellious house, I will speak the word and perform it,” declares the Lord God.”*

Amos 3:8, *“A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken! Who can but prophesy?”*

2 Timothy 3:16, *“All Scripture is inspired by God...”*

2 Timothy 3:15, *“From childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”*

Hebrews 4:12, *“The word of God is living and active...”*

2. Jesus and the Early Church Prioritized Preaching

Matthew 3:1-2, *“Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”*

Matthew 4:17, *“From that time Jesus began to preach and say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”*

Matthew 9:35, *“Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom.”*

Mark 1:14; 16:15, 20, “*Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God. Jesus said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them.*”

Acts 5:29, “*We must obey God rather than men.*”

Acts 5:42, “*In the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.*”

3. God Calls Us

Matthew 28:18-20, “*Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

2 Timothy 4:2, “*Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.*”

4. Preaching Exposes the Eternal

Matthew 6:19-21, “*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; ²¹ for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*”

1 Timothy 4:7-9, “*Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; ⁸ for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. ⁹ It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance.*”

2 Timothy 2:11, “*It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Christ, we will also live with Him.*”

5. Preaching Equips People

Romans 12:2, “*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*”

6. Eternity is at Stake

Romans 10:14, “*How then will they call on Jesus in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Christ whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?”*