



# JESUS GAVE PREACHING TO HIS CHURCH

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2 Timothy 4:1-5

- Think of someone special to you. **Q.** If you knew you were about to speak to them for the last time, what would you say?

## 1. WHY IS PREACHING SUCH A BIG DEAL?

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**2 TIMOTHY 4:1-2a** 1 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word;

- **The Lord Jesus, who is the Judge of all judges, who is the King over all kings,** has given Pastors marching orders to “preach the word.” It’s the very last *CHARGE* Paul gives before his death. (*in addition...*)
- **Preaching is the CHIEF WAY Jesus builds His Church!** Three times in John 20 he tells Peter, “*FEED MY SHEEP!*”
- **STEVEN LAWSON:** Every season of reformation and every hour of spiritual awakening has been ushered in by a recovery of biblical preaching. This cause and effect is timeless and inseparable. J.H. Merle D’Aubigné, noted Reformation historian, writes, “The only true reformation is that which emanates from the Word of God.” That is to say, as the pulpit goes, so goes the church. Such was the case in the Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century (Clavin, Luther, Zwingli)...The same was true in the golden era of the puritans in the seventeenth century (John Owen, Jeremiah Burroughs, Samuel Rutherford)...The eighteenth century witnessed exactly the same (Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield),...[and in the 19th century we had such greats as Charles Haddon Spurgeon and J.C. Ryle!]...  
The fact is, the restoration of biblical preaching has always been the leading factor in any revival of genuine Christianity. Philip Schaff writes, “Every true progress in church history is conditioned by a new and deeper study of the Scriptures.” That is to say, every great revival in the church has been ushered in by a return to expository preaching.”
- **When Jesus is being tempted in the dessert he quotes Deuteronomy and says,** “Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.” And when Jeremiah speaks of the Bible he says, “Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart.”
- **It should be no surprise to us when Christians are weak and unhealthy** if the preaching of the gospel from the Bible does not have a primary place in the function of the church or in their lives. You weak? Sick? Defeated?
- **When the gospel of Jesus is faithfully preached from the Bible,** non-Christians become Christians, Christians become more like Jesus, and the mission of Jesus advances in the world.

## 2. HOW MUST PREACHING BE DONE?

[ [ By proclaiming (*not conversing about!*) what God says in the Bible, whether it’s convenient or inconvenient, by reproving (*exposing & correcting errors*), rebuking (*express sharp disapproval*), and exhorting (*strongly urging*) all the while being completely patient and instructive ] ]

**2 TIMOTHY 4:2 preach** (“*Karusso.*” 61x in the NT. *herald/proclaim/announce/declare.* **Q.** *But what is to be proclaimed?*) the word; (*Logos; i.e. Scripture [2 Tim 3:16-17 “All Scripture God-breathed”; 2 Peter 1:20-21 “For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”]*)

- **True preaching**—the preaching that Paul is commanding, that Prophets did, Jesus did, Apostles did, and Pastors DO—is proclaiming the truth that God has revealed to us in the Bible! Why? Because the Word of God trumps the word of man every time. God speaks in the Word—everything necessary for what we should believe & do!

be ready in season and out of season; (*this is why it’s crucial that we all serve in our own way so that Pastors may devote their time to the Word of God and prayer*) reprove, (*expose and correct errors*) rebuke, (*express sharp disapproval of ones beliefs or actions*) and exhort, (*strongly urge someone to believe or do what is right*) with complete patience and teaching.

- In Acts 2, Luke records an eye-witness account of the very first Christian sermon after Jesus’ ascended back to heaven. On the day of pentecost. Peter’s sermon shows us a good model: 1) Jesus-centered, 2) Biblically based, 3) Confrontational, 4) Cuts to the Heart, and 5) Demands a response.

- True preaching is **not talking about your opinion**, but declaring what God says in His Word. True preaching is **not talking about yourself**, but announcing Jesus. True preaching is **not telling stories**, but heralding **THE** story of the gospel. True preaching is **not telling people what they want to hear**, but proclaiming what they need to hear according to the Bible.

### 3. WHY MUST PREACHING BE DONE SO RIGOROUSLY?

[ [ Because people don't love what they should, seek what they should, or do what they should—though they should. False teachers abound, myths and fables abound, ear-scratchers abound—but there is one Gospel that reconciles us to God & one model of Holiness we are to follow. Both found only in the Scriptures. ] ]

Short answer,

**JEREMIAH 17:9** “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?”

- But look at what Paul writes in verse 3...

**2 TIMOTHY 4:3-5** 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound (healthy) teaching,

- Paul's saying it's like people will be dying of thirst but refuse to drink water and live! Or they're malnourished, but will only eat fake food that has no real sustenance—it may taste good, but it's terrible for you.

but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. (Something doesn't have to be true to destroy you, it just has to be believed.)

- It's like they're dying of thirst and begging to drink poison! We don't want water or healthy food, so we'll go seek out people who will give us poison and fast food all day long and call it “healthy.”

**5** As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

- **Q. Do the work of an Evangelist?** How is that a way to sum up “Preach the Word”? Evangelist means “Gospel proclaimer” “Good news announcer” “Glad tidings declarer!”

- **Here's the point:** To accurately preach Jesus and His Gospel, you have to preach the Bible; and to accurately preach the Bible you have to preach Jesus and His Gospel because the whole Bible is about Him. Not just the New Testament, but the Old Testament too.

- **TYPES:** Shepherds, Judges, Sacrifices, the Temple, Prophets, Priests, Kings in the Old Testament were just foreshadowing Jesus who is the fulfillment of all those types.

- **CHRISTOPHANIES:** Jesus is the one who came and stopped Abraham's hand from sacrificing Issac in Genesis 22, Jesus is the one who wrestles all night with Jacob in Genesis 32, Jesus is the fourth individual in the fiery furnace with Shadrach/Meshach/Abednego in Daniel 3, Jesus is the One Isaiah saw in his vision of the Throne room of God in Isaiah 6. Those are cameo appearances before Jesus' incarnation!

- **TITLES:** Jesus is the I AM of Ex. 3, He's the Son of Man promised in Dan. 7, He's the Suffering Servant predicted in Is 53.

- **PROPHECIES:** Jesus is **the Seed of the Woman** that will one day crush the head of Satan in Gen. 3:15; Jesus is **the Descendant** that God promised will come through Abraham's line in Genesis 17:19; Jesus is **the Son that will be born of A virgin** and will be God in Isaiah 7:14; Jesus is **the Healer** who will open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf in Isaiah 35:5-6; Jesus is **the Righteous One** that will make many to be accounted righteous in Isaiah 53:11; Jesus is **the One who will be pierced through His hands and feet** in Psalm 22:16; Jesus is **the sinless One** that will be offered up to death for sin, buried in a rich man's tomb, but will resurrect for salvation in Isaiah 53:9-11.

- **EVENTS:** He's the true ARK, the PASSOVER LAMB, the Scapegoat on the day of Atonement.

- **PERSONS:** We're a worse Cain; **Jesus is the better Able**—who's blood cries out for our salvation. **Jesus is the better Abraham**, who answered the call of God to go into a distant country to create a new people. **Jesus is the better Isaac** who didn't carry the wood on his back up the mountain and was spared but carried the wood up the mountain on His back and was destroyed. Jesus is the better Joseph, who though treated wrongly by his brothers, forgives them and uses his power to save them. Jesus is the better Moses who lead his people on a better exodus out of a worse slavery to a better promised land at great cost to Himself. Jesus is the better David who defeated our true Giants—satan, sin, and death—by not slaying them but by being the Lamb that was slain, for us. Jesus is the better Esther, who, as Tim Keller says, didn't say “if I perish I perish” but said, “When I perish I perish to save my people.” Jesus is the better Jonah who was cast into the storm to save others, spent three days in the belly of the earth, got out, preached repentance, and billions were saved. Jesus is the better Adam. Adam disobeyed the Father about the tree of life and brought death. Jesus obeyed the Father about the tree of death and brought life.

- He's the all-satisfying, infinitely glorious HERO, SAVIOR, & KING of all history. Why would we ever settle for preaching that is not explicitly about Him and how we can know Him and obey Him and resemble Him more?