

The Importance of Preaching — 09/5/21

TEXT- 1 Co 1:17-21 *For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*

INTRO – By the foolishness of preaching - Not “by foolish preaching,” but by the preaching of the cross, which was regarded as foolish and absurd by the people of the world.

euangelizo is almost always used of "the good news" concerning the Son of God as proclaimed in the gospel

kerugma "a proclamation by a herald" denotes "a message, a preaching" (the substance of what is "preached" as distinct from the act of "preaching")

I. The Importance of Preaching

A. Paul was compelled to preach the gospel

1 Cor. 9:16-18 *For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! 17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me. 18 What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.*

B. Paul was always prepared to preach the gospel

Rom 1:15 *So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.*

C. Timothy was instructed to preach the Word of God

2 Tim. 4:2 *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*

D. The Disciples were commanded to preach the gospel

Mark 16:15 *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

E. God uses preaching to change lives

Tit 1:3 *But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;*

II. What Is The Style of Preaching?

A. The styles of preaching

- Motivators
- Philosophers
- Evangelists
- Trendy
- Counselors

B. Types of sermons

1. Expository
2. Verse by verse
3. Textual
4. Topical
5. Biographical
6. Bible stories

A preacher may be loud or quite but he must be biblical.

A preacher must have something to say found in God's Word.

III. The Power of Preaching

A. In the power of the Holy Spirit

1 Cor. 2:4 *And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:*

Luk 4:18-19 *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised To preach the acceptable year of the Lord*

B. Not in man's wisdom

2 Cor. 4:5 *For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.*

1 Cor. 2:1-5 *And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.*

IV. What Should Be Preached?

A. The gospel

1 Co 15:1-4 *Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 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:*

1 Cor. 1:17 *For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.*

B. The whole counsel of God

Acts 20:26-28 *Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. 27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. 28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*

C. Christ and Him Crucified

Luke 11:32 *The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.*

1 Cor. 1:23 *But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;*

Act 5:42 *And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.*

D. The Word of faith

Rom 10:8 *But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;*

V. The Importance of Preaching

Rom 10:13-15 *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 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!*

Gal 1:8-9 *But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.*

Col 1:28 *Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:*

CONCL – Preaching can be long sermons or short. The preacher may be loud or quiet. Preaching may be motivational or informational, but it must be biblical and it must feed the flock and include the gospel. Preaching should reach the lost, motivate the believers and warn the backslider. All this done with grace and love but firm in resolve.