

“What Do I Think About Preaching?”

Preaching is the proclamation and explanation of God’s Word.

“We the Church” need to hear the proclaiming and explanation of God’s Word.

The Lord gave the church the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors, and teachers.

Ephesians 4:11 (KJV)

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,

Ephesians 4:12 (NIV)

to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

What Happens When God’s Word is proclaimed?

It brings Glory to God.

It unites God’s people of the present to His people of the past.

It makes us into knowledgeable and disciplined community by encouraging us to stretch our attention spans and develop an ability to hear God’s Word.

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2 Corinthians 10:12-17 (NIV)

We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise. We, however, will not boast beyond proper limits, but will confine our boasting to the sphere of service God himself has assigned to us, a sphere that also includes you. We are not going too far in our boasting, as would be the case if we had not come to you, for we did get as far as you with the gospel of Christ. Neither do we go beyond our limits by boasting of work done by others. Our hope is that, as your faith continues to grow, our sphere of activity among you will greatly expand, so that we can preach the gospel in the regions beyond you. For we do not want to boast about work already done in someone else's territory. But, "Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."

2 Corinthians 10:1 (NIV)

By the humility and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you – I, Paul, who am "timid" when face to face with you, but "bold" toward you when away!

2 Corinthians 10:2 (NIV)

I beg you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be toward some people who think that we live by the standards of this world.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

1 John 1:3-4 (NIV)

We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.

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1 John 1:7-10 (NIV)

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

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