

Why Do We Preach & Teach in Worship?

1 Timothy 4:2

INTRODUCTION:

A. Lesson Texts:

1. In **2 Timothy 4:2**, the apostle Paul told a preacher to “Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.”
2. **Romans 1:15** – “So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also.”
3. **Acts 20:7** – “Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight.”
4. **1 Corinthians 9:16** – “Woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!

B. Contrary to the thinking of many the preaching part of a worship service is not the most important part . . . The part for which we must assemble every Lord’s Day . . . That would be for the partaking of the Lord’s Supper.

1. Nonetheless, preaching is important whenever and wherever it is done.
2. **1 Corinthians 1:21** – “For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.”
3. **Romans 10:14** – “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?”
4. **1 Corinthians 1:18** – “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

C. God had only one Son . . . And He was a preacher.

D. Preaching has its place in the Lord’s church and its worship services.

1. We are to preach.
2. We are to preach truth.
3. We are to preach the Gospel of Christ.
4. We are to preach what the Bible contains without adding to it.
5. We are to preach what the Bible contains without deleting from it.
6. We are to preach by rightly dividing the word of truth.
7. We are to preach in view of a heaven to be gained and a hell to be shunned.
8. We are to preach in view of eternity.
9. We are to preach to the fullness of the glory of God and His abundant love for His creation.

E. Anything that is not truth should not be preached . . . Everything that is truth should be preached.

WHEN IS A SERMON SUCCESSFUL?

- A. Some measure the success of a sermon in terms of whether or not there are any public responses to the invitation at the end of the sermon. That is wrong criteria.
- B. When is a sermon successful?
 - 1. A sermon is successful if it is true to God’s word.
 - 2. A sermon is successful if it is preached in love.
 - 3. A sermon is successful if it is prepared to meet a need.
 - 4. A sermon is successful if it is spoken so all can understand it.
 - 5. A sermon is successful if it glorifies God.
 - 6. A sermon is successful if it challenges people to think.
- C. We need to remember that there is:
 - 1. Positive and negative preaching.
 - 2. Positive and negative listening.
 - 3. Positive and negative emotions.
 - 3. Positive and negative responding.

CONCLUSION:

- A. In Acts 17:18 in Athens, Paul was called a babblers.
 - 1. Preachers have been called worse.
 - 2. The truth must be preached so people can be both taught . . . And saved.
- B. **Galatians 4:16** – “Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?”
- C. Illustration: “Sir, I want you to know that in your sermon today I found God.”
- D. Every time you hear a sermon . . .
 - 1. Listen in terms of being helped by that which is being preached.
 - 2. Listen in view of learning something that will help you teach others.
 - 3. Listen so as to be strengthened.
 - 4. Listen so as to be instructed.
 - 5. Listen so as to be encouraged.
 - 6. Listen so as to be guided.
 - 7. Listen so as to be corrected.
 - 8. Listen, because as God’s Word is sown into your heart, the devil will try to take it out. Remember the Parable of the sower and the four soils.
 - 9. Listen because God is speaking to you through His written word. God is watching you listening to His word.