

We Are The Church

Pt. 4 - "Healthy Churches Preach the Word of God"

2 Timothy 4:1-5 | September 28th, 2025

A Working Definition of the Church

"A group of Christians who assemble as an earthly embassy of Christ's heavenly kingdom, to affirm one another as his citizens through the ordinances. To proclaim the good news and commands of Christ the King, to display God's own holiness & love through a unified and diverse people; as they follow the teaching and example of the pastors/elders & overseers.

~ A Good Place to Start ...

Every preacher should have that holy reverence of God and His word. Preaching & teaching the Bible is one of the most important things anyone could ever do.

~ Working Definitions:

*Teaching = to impart knowledge, or to give instruction.

*Preaching = the declaration of God's truth in Jesus, to the praise of his name

*T-Dub's Explanation = the proclamation of God's truth through the personality of man.

~ Styles of Preaching: (Top 3 among a list of 5-6)

a) Topical

b) Textual

c) Expository (expository)

"In the church, preaching is that holy half hour each week when the assembly of the redeemed closes her collective mouth, opens her ear and heart, and listens to the uninterrupted voice of her Husband, through his appointed mouthpiece, fallible though the messenger be."
- David Mathis (*Habits of Grace*)

Preachers Must Preach the Word of God ...

I. With Patience, _____, Compassion, & _____
(2 Timothy 4:2,5)

~ There is an urgency to preaching! People need truth because the truth is the only thing that can ever change them i.e. **John 14:6**

~ God in his grace has called and equipped men to preach. But that's not to say that only preachers are scripturally qualified to interpret and understand Scripture. That's why God gave us the Holy Spirit.

II. Because Christ Will Return in _____
(2 Timothy 4:1)

a) 2 Cor. 5:10 = "*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.*"

b) Matt 12:36-37

c) Romans 8:1 = "*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*"

III. To _____ Believers & _____ Non-Believers
(2 Timothy 4:2)

> 1 Corinthians 4:14 "*I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children.*"

> We preach the word of God to the people of God for the sake of correction, direction, _____, and inspiration.

~ Sermons are unique. There is nothing else on this earth that exists that is like delivering and hearing a sermon.

~ Preaching is exclusively different because its a certain kind of speech that is delivered or carried by certain kinds of people.

IV. Because There Are Some Who _____ the Word of Truth
(2 Timothy 4:3-4)