

Preaching is Seriously Important part 1

The answer is the *Bible* Ch3; the process is *preaching* Ch4. 2 Timothy 4:1 Chris Mueller 1-13-2019

Introduction:

1 I solemnly 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; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. 5 But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

1. The SERIOUSNESS of expositional preaching ¹

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1st Be motivated by a _____ to expositional preaching ^{1a}

1 I solemnly charge you ... 2 preach the word

1 Timothy 5:21 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of His chosen angels, to maintain these principles without bias, doing nothing in a spirit of partiality. 2 Timothy 2:14 ...charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers.

2nd Be motivated by the _____ you will answer to for your preaching ^{1b}

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A. God is a personal WITNESS to the serious charge to preach 1c

1 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God

Psalm 139:7-10 Where can I go from Thy Spirit? Or where can I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend to heaven, Thou art there, if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there Thy hand will lead me, And Thy right hand will lay hold of me.

B. You will answer to the eternal _____ for your preaching 1d

1 Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

C. Christ will soon return—He will evaluate your preaching FACE TO FACE 1e

1 and by His appearing

Revelation 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. 12 His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. 13 He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

D. Christ will reign—your preaching should reflect His _____ 1f

1 and His kingdom

Revelation 20:4 Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And...they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. Revelation 19:15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron.

1 Live every moment in the active PRESENCE of Christ

Psalm 139 If I ascend to heaven, Thou art there, if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou art there.

2 Rearrange your commitments to live in light of coming _____

Romans 14:10b For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 1 Corinthians 3:13 each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.

3 Repent of sin in light of Christ's RETURN

1 John 3:2 We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.
3 And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

4 Count the cost and accept the responsibility of _____ the Word

James 3:1 Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment

5 Submit to Christ as LORD as your only hope of _____

Ephesians 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. Why is preaching so important to the church and so important for Christians?
2. What does it look like when churches overemphasize preaching, underemphasize preaching, OR distort preaching?
3. Why does Paul put Timothy under such a serious charge to preach God's Word?
4. What part of the charge to preach encourages you the most, and what part of the charge convicted you the most? Why?
5. What does it look like to live every moment of life in the full presence of God?
6. What does it look like to live every moment knowing every one of your words, actions and motives will be judged by Christ?
7. What kind of difference does living in the expectation of the soon return of Christ and the authoritative rule of Christ make?

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