

What Is Preaching?

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What is preaching?

- The lesson covers the meanings of the NT Greek words for preachers and preaching
- Preaching is 1) proclaiming, 2) announcing good news, 3) explaining, 4) discussing, 5) instructing, and 6) exhorting

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1. Preaching Is Proclaiming

- Preacher; Greek κήρυξ (kerux, noun) = herald; messenger; one who proclaims; 1 Tim. 2:7; 2 Tim. 1:11; 2 Pet. 2:5
- Preaching; Greek κήρυγμα (kerugma, noun) = proclamation; Mt. 12:41; Mk. 16:20; Lk. 11:32; Rom. 16:25; 1 Cor. 1:21; 2:4; 15:14; 2 Tim. 4:17; Tit. 1:3

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- Preach(ing); Greek κηρύσσω (kerusso, verb) = announce; proclaim aloud; spread the story; speak publicly with conviction; Mt. 3:1; 4:17, 23; 9:35; 10:7, 27; 11:1; 24:14; 26:13; Mk. 1:4, 7, 14, 38-39, 45; 3:14; 5:20; 6:12; 7:36; 13:10; 14:9; 16:15, 20; Lk. 3:3; 4:18-19, 44; 8:1; 8:39; 9:2; 12:3; 24:47; Acts 8:5; 9:20; 10:37,42 (cont.)

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- Acts 15:21; 19:13; 20:25; 28:31; Rom. 2:21; 10:8, 14-15; 1 Cor. 1:23; 9:27; 15:11-12; 2 Cor. 1:19; 4:5; 11:4 [2x]; Gal. 2:2; 5:11; Phil. 1:15; Col. 1:23; 1 Thess. 2:9; 1 Tim. 3:16; 2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Pet. 3:19; Rev. 5:2;

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- Proclaim; Greek καταγγέλλω (kataggello, verb) = proclaim; declare openly; Acts 8:34; 4:2; 13:5, 38; 15:36; 16:17, 21; 17:3, 13, 23; 26:23; Rom. 1:8; 1 Cor. 2:1; 9:14; 11:26; Phil. 1:17-18; Col. 1:28
- Proclaimer; Greek καταγγελεύς (kataggeleus, noun); announcer; Acts 17:18

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Applications for Today

- The preacher must proclaim the truth loudly and clearly (distinctly) in a world clouded with much error

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2. Preaching Is Announcing Good News

- Evangelist; Greek εὐαγγελιστής (euaggelistes, noun) = a messenger of, or one who announces, good news; Acts 21:8; Eph. 4:11; 2 Tim. 4:5
- Preach; Greek εὐαγγελίζω (euaggelizo, verb) = bring, or announce good news or glad tidings; Mt. 11:5; Lk. 1:19; 2:10 (cont.)

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- Luke 3:18; 4:18, 43; 7:22; 8:1; 9:6; 16:16; 20:1; Acts 5:42; 8:4, 12, 25, 35, 40; 10:36; 11:20; 13:42; 14:7, 15, 21; 15:35; 16:10; 17:18; Rom. 1:15; 10:15; 15:20; 1 Cor. 1:17; 9:16 [2x], 18; 1 Cor. 15:1-2; 2 Cor. 11:7; Gal. 1:8 [2x], 9, 11, 16, 23; 4:3; Eph. 2:17; 3:8; 1 Thess. 3:6; Heb. 4:2, 6; 1 Pet. 1:12, 25; 4:6; Rev. 10:7; 14:6

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- The preacher is announcing “good news” regardless of his message
- The preacher must remember to stay excited about sharing the good news ... why would you not want to tell good news?

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3. Preaching Is Explaining

- Explain; Greek ἐκτίθημι (ektithemi, verb) = lit. to place or set out, expose (Acts 7:21); to expound; explain; set forth; declare; Acts 11:14; 18:26; 28:23

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Applications for Today

- The preacher should make sure that his message is explained well
- There is a place in sermons for explanations of words, context, historical background, etc.

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Applications for Today

- It is better to make a few points in your lesson with explanation, than many points with little to no explanation

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4. Preaching Is Discussing

- Discussing; Greek διαλέγομαι (dialegomai, verb) = lit. from one side through to the other side; to discuss thoroughly; reason; giving and receiving information; a “back and forth” discussion; Mk. 9:34; Acts 17:2, 17; 18:4, 19; 19:8-9; 20:7, 9; 24:12, 25; Heb. 12:5; Jude 9

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- The preacher can set up an arrangement where his message is delivered in a manner of “back and forth discussion” with his audience ... asking and answering questions from his audience

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5. Preaching Is Instructing

- Instruct; Greek διδακτός (didaktos, adj.); taught; instructed; Jn. 6:45 [see Isa. 54:13]; 1 Cor. 2:13 [2x]
- Able to teach; Greek διδακτικός (didaktikos, adj.); able and skillful in teaching or instructing; 1 Tim. 3:2; 2 Tim. 2:24

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5. Preaching Is Instructing

- Instruct; Greek διδασκαλία (didaskalia, noun); instruction; teaching; doctrine; Mt. 15:9; Mk. 7:7; Rom. 12:7; 15:4; Eph. 4:14; Col. 2:22; 1 Tim. 1:10; 4:1, 6, 13, 16; 5:17; 6:1, 3; 2 Tim. 3:10, 16; 4:3; Tit. 1:9; 2:1, 7, 10

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5. Preaching Is Instructing

- Teacher; Greek διδάσκαλος didaskalos, (noun); instructor; teacher; ** Acts 13:1; Rom. 2:20; 1 Cor. 12:28-29; Eph. 4:11; 1 Tim. 2:7; 2 Tim. 1:11; 4:3; Heb. 5:12; Jas. 3:1; ** not a complete list

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5. Preaching Is Instructing

- Teach; Greek διδάσκω (didasko, verb); teach; instruct; impart knowledge; cause to learn; ** Acts 4:2, 18; 5:21, 25, 28, 42; 11:26; 15:35; 18:11, 25; 20:20; 21:21, 28; 28:31; Rom. 12:7; 1 Cor. 4:17; 2 Thess. 2:15; 1 Tim. 4:11; 6:2; 2 Tim. 2:2
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Applications for Today

- The preacher should spend time in his lesson teaching or instructing about words, contexts, concepts, doctrines, etc.
- The preacher should not simply deliver a message, but instruct; the audience should learn something new (or be reminded) every time he speaks

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- It is better to mention a few points with instruction, than many points with little to no instruction

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6. Preaching is Exhorting

- Exhort; Greek παρακαλέω parakaleo, (verb); lit. to call beside; comfort; exhort; encourage; admonish;** Acts 2:40; 11:23; Rom. 12:8; 1 Cor. 4:13; 1 Thess. 2:12; 1 Tim. 6:2; 2 Tim. 4:2; Tit. 1:9; 2:6, 15;
** not a complete list

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Applications for Today

- The preacher should seek to “build up” with patience and zeal the lost and the saved
- Any lesson, regardless of the topic (both positive and negative), can contain an encouraging admonition to live right

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