

# PREACH THE WORD

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## INTRODUCTION

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- A. TEXT: *“I charge thee in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, who shall judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.”* (vs. 1-2).
1. This is Paul’s final charge to Timothy.
  2. And through Timothy to us today.
- B. THE CHARGE:
1. “In the sight of God”
  2. And Christ Jesus.
  3. The Judge of the living and the dead.
  4. In view of His appearing or return.
  5. And of His kingdom.
- C. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TEACHING OR DOCTRINE!
1. In 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy there are 196 verses.
  2. Of these, 40% - 77+ are given to instruction about teaching the truth, and avoiding and correcting error.
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## PAUL’S CHARGE

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- A. **“HERALD”, preach the word. “To proclaim before the public.”** In scripture it is generally the divinely authorized proclamation of the message of God to man.
1. Noah: God will destroy the world. Turn from your sins. (II Pet. 2:5).
  2. Jonah: Yet 40 days and Nivenah shall be overthrown (Jonah 3:4; Matt. 12:41).
  3. John the Baptist: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
  4. Paul: Jesus is the Christ. (Acts 9:20).
- B. “In Season - out of season....(Welcomed or not welcomed).
1. Reprove or convict. Bring to proof.
  2. Rebuke: Reprimand. Sin must not be toned down.
  3. Exhort, Admonish: “To call aside” for what ever reason.
- C. MODIFYING each of the three imperatives is the beautiful phrase, *with all longsuffering and teaching.*”
1. Painstaking.
  2. Gentle to all.
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## **PAUL'S CONCERN**

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### A. WHY DID PAUL GET OF "WORKED UP" ABOUT THIS?

1. He knew what was coming. *"For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth,.."* (vs. 4-5).
2. He knew as did Jeremiah how people would react. *".....the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and the people love to have it so:"* (Jeremiah 5:31).

### B. If It Didn't Make Any Difference What A Person Taught or Believed, —If One Way Was As Good As Another...

1. Then Paul wasted his time.
2. And his writing just takes up space.

### C. TWO PASSAGES TO CONSIDER:

1. *"Now I make known unto you brethren, the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye received, wherein also ye stand, by which also ye are saved, if ye hold fast the word which I preached unto you, except ye believed in vain."* (I Cor. 15:1,2).
2. *"But though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preached unto you, let him be anathema."* (Gal. 1:8).

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## **THE DOCTRINE**

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### A. WHAT IS THE DOCTRINE?

1. The word "doctrine" and "teaching" are used interchangeable.
2. *"If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness..."* (I Tim. 1:10).
3. This doctrine was complete, all sufficient and as the gospel it was God's power to save. (Matt. 10;19,20; 28:18; Romans 1:16; James 1:21,22; II Pet 1:3; Jude 3).

### B. *"ALL SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work"* (II Tim. 3:16,17).

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C. NOTICE: the many times the New Testament emphasis “doctrine”.

1. “Continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine” (Acts 2:42).
  2. It was the obedience to a form of doctrine that set them free from sin and made it possible for them to become servants of righteousness (Rom. 6:17)
  3. An elder is to “hold fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict” (Titus 1:9).
  4. An evangelists is to “hold fast the pattern of sound words” (II Tim. 1:13).
  5. “Speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine” (Titus 2:1,7).
  6. As servants we are exhorted to “adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things” (Titus 2:9-10).
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## **BEWARE**

- A. Time and again, Jesus warned God’s people to beware of and avoid false prophets, preachers and teachers. (Matt. 7:15-20; 24:4, 11-12).
  - B. Paul warned of “*false apostles and deceitful workers, who would transform themselves into apostles of Christ and said that Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness*” (II Cor. 11:13-15)
  - C. Peter warned of those who would “secretly bring in destructive heresies (teachings) II Peter 2:1.
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## **BEWARE - BECAUSE**

- A. A look at some of the passages in Timothy.
    1. Some have made “shipwreck” concerning the faith. (I Tim. 1:19).
    2. “Some shall fall away from the faith” (I Tim. 4:1).
    3. Others “have erred concerning the faith.” (I Tim. 6:21).
    4. “*and their word will eat as doth a gangrene....*” (II Tim. 2:17,18).
  - B. “*Take heed to thyself, and to thy teaching. Continue in these things; for in doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee.*” (I Tim. 4:16).
    1. What would be the opposite???
    2. “*And for this cause God sendeth them a working of error, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness*” (II Thess. 2:11-12)
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