

# Sharing God's Word

## We are commissioned to preach the Gospel

- Mark 16:15
- Romans 10:14-15
- John 20:21
- 2 Timothy 4:1-3

## I am not a preacher though

- The Greek word for "Preacher" is Kerux (A herald or messenger), "Preaching" is Kerusso. 60 times in the NT
- Kerusso means to proclaim openly something that has been done. Basically, preaching is sharing news of what has been done. This is generally referring to witnessing to others about salvation - what Jesus did for them on the cross, but preaching is not always limited to that.
- Isn't the Preacher the Pastor? (Five-Fold Ministry for the Church)

## Preaching in the church

- Ephesians 4:11-12
- 2 Timothy 4:5b (NKJV) - do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry
- 2 Timothy 4:5b (Phillips) - Go on steadily preaching the Gospel and carry out to the full the commission that God gave you.
- 1 Corinthians 12:27-28
- Romans 1:7-16

## ◀ 2099. euaggelistés ▶

### Strong's Concordance

**euaggelistés**: an evangelist, a bringer of good news

Original Word: εὐαγγελιστής, οὐ, ὁ

Part of Speech: Noun, Masculine

Transliteration: euaggelistés

Phonetic Spelling: (yoo-ang-ghel-is-tace')

Definition: an evangelist, a bringer of good news

Usage: an evangelist, a missionary, bearer of good tidings.

### HELPS Word-studies

**2099 euaggelistés** (from **2097 /euaggelizō**, "evangelize") – properly, an "evangelist" (*L & N*, 1, 53.76); someone with a *vocational calling from God* to announce the *good news* of the Gospel (see Eph 4:11).

Every Christian is called to share the Gospel, but **2099 /euaggelistés** ("an evangelist") does so as a *vocation*, which includes preaching the *full message of Christ's salvation* (the *whole Gospel*). See **2097 /euaggelizō** ("gospelizing").

### Englishman's Concordance

**Acts 21:8 N-GMS**

GRK: Φιλίππου τοῦ εὐαγγελιστοῦ ὄντος ἐκ

NAS: of Philip *the evangelist*, who was one of the seven,

KJV: of Philip *the evangelist*, which was

INT: of Philip the *evangelist* being of

**Ephesians 4:11 N-AMP**

GRK: τοὺς δὲ εὐαγγελιστάς τοὺς δὲ

NAS: and some *[as] evangelists*, and some

KJV: and *some, evangelists*; and

INT: some moreover *evangelists* some moreover

**2 Timothy 4:5 N-GMS**

GRK: ἔργον ποιήσον εὐαγγελιστοῦ τὴν διακονίαν

NAS: the work *of an evangelist*, fulfill

KJV: the work *of an evangelist*, make full proof

INT: [the] work do *of an evangelist* the ministry

## Preaching was not just for the disciples

- Acts 13:47 [Paul and Barnabas]
- Isaiah 49:5-6 [Isaiah]
- Psalm 96:1-3 [David]

## We are ambassadors for Christ

- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- Definition of Ambassador - an authorized representative or messenger (Merriam Webster)
- Proverbs 13:17 - A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a faithful ambassador brings health.

## We are commissioned to preach and teach

- Matthew 28:18-20
- Matthew 4:23
- Matthew 9:35
- Acts 15:35
- 2 Timothy 1:11



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## The difference between preaching and teaching

- The Greek word used for teacher in 2 Timothy 1:11 is "Didaskalos", meaning instructor. They give instructions, teach or explain things.
- The Greek word for preaching - Kerusso means to proclaim openly something that has been done. Basically, preaching is sharing news of what has been done. This is generally referring to witnessing to others about what Jesus did for them on the cross, but preaching is not always limited to that.
- Say a messenger / herald rides into town to tell the people "Jesus died for your sins. You do not have to live in bondage any longer." He is preaching. When a person asks how can I be set free, the herald can move into teaching and give applicable instructions to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior (Romans 10:9-10), seek God first daily (Matthew 6:33), obey the Word (Joshua 1:8), etc...
- Colossians 1:28 (AMPC)

## You need to preach and teach others to have an outlet

- Matthew 28:18-20
- Matthew 25:14-30 (Parable of the Talents)

There are two seas that are formed by the Jordan River; the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea. The Sea of Galilee is filled with life and gives an abundance of it to the surrounding area. But the Dead Sea is literally dead. There is no life in its waters, and the surrounding area is a desert. Do you know why the Sea of Galilee is filled with life and the Dead Sea is lifeless? Because the Sea of Galilee receives of the Jordan River but also gives of it, while the Dead Sea merely receives of the Jordan River and does not give of it. Because of this, the Dead Sea is stagnant. Stagnant can be defined as not flowing, not advancing, not developing, a lack of activity or growth. This stagnation has caused the salinity of the water to increase, it is eight times saltier than the ocean. It is this high level of salinity that gives the Dead Sea its name, as no fish or aquatic plants are able to survive in such conditions. The reason for such saltiness is that the Dead Sea has tributaries and rivers that channel water and minerals in, but no outlets to remove the water. As a consequence, the dissolved water causes salt to increase over time. But, what has that got to do with us? One of the challenges of personal development and our growth with God is making sure that we don't keep all that we are learning to ourselves. Some people choose not to share their wisdom with others, blocking the flow of knowledge. These people have a tendency to become bitter, stagnant, and isolated, much like the Dead Sea. Don't let that be you. The Lord actually mentioned stagnation to Zephaniah in verse 1:12 talking about the "Great Day of the Lord." "It will come about at that time that I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are stagnant in spirit, who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good or evil!'" Proverbs 1:7a and Proverbs 9:10a say, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Then 2 Corinthians 5:11a says, "Knowing, therefore, the terror [fear] of the Lord, we persuade men;" John 12:24 AMPC says, "I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains [just one grain; it never becomes more but lives] by itself alone. But if it dies, it produces many others and yields a rich harvest." If we keep our one seed of revelation the Lord has given us, it is like keeping an apple on the counter of your house for a year. It will eventually rotten and shrivel up. However, if you plant that revelation, share it with others, it will blossom. Just like planting an apple and yielding an apple tree.

## What causes Christians to have a stagnant faith?

- Laziness (Undisciplined)
- Apathy (Don't Care)
- Doubt (Don't Know the Word)
- Fear (Lack of Faith)
- Sin (You are Choosing Not to)
- Others???

### Warnings

- Ezekiel 3:18-21
- Acts 20:26-27
- James 5:19-21
- Galatians 6:1
- Luke 6:39-42
- 2 Timothy 2:14 – 3:5

