

What Does God Ask of Me?

Expectation #7

We are to preach the good news

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. - **Mark 16:15**

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. ¹¹As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" - **Romans 10:9-15**

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. ¹⁷The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." - **Luke 4:16-19**

What does the word PREACH mean?

Literally it means to **proclaim**, to declare, **to announce** or to herald a message.

To understand the meaning of the word PREACH in a fuller way, we need to look at the position of the **KERUX**.

The **KERUX** was the official spokesman or herald of a king.

The position of the **KERUX** was viewed to be the highest, most noble, privileged position in the kingdom.

When the **KERUX** delivered the message he also had to convey the heart of the message.

Everything he did, said and in the manner he said it was a reflection on the king.

The **KERUX** public and private life had to be in order.

HOW CAN OUR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE POSITION OF THE KERUX HELP US IN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORD PREACH?

As a follower of CHRIST, we must see ourselves as HIS **REPRESENTATIVE** or **AMBASSADOR**.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. - **II Corinthians 5:20**

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ²Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. **II Timothy 4:1-2**

What was Paul most concerned with as he directed Timothy?

Paul wanted him to set an **example**.

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. - **I Timothy 4:12**

IN your **SPEECH** IN your **LIFE** IN your **LOVE**
IN your **FAITH** IN your **PURITY**

Paul wanted him to have sound **teaching**.

What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. **II Timothy 1:13**

As believers in CHRIST it is imperative we spend time in **GOD'S PRESENCE**.

Throughout the gospels we see **JESUS** going to a solitary place, so **HE** could be alone with **HIS** father.

It was in these solitary places that **JESUS** gained **STRENGTH** and **SUBMITTED HIMSELF** to the Father's will.

Your life **PREACHES** what you **BELIEVE**.

“Go and PREACH with

PASTOR BARDEN GERACE, JR.

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Your whole LIFE “