

Evangelistic Preaching

'To me the work of preaching is the highest and greatest and most glorious calling to which anyone can ever be called'

- Dr Martin Lloyd-Jones

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

IN EVANGELISTIC PREACHING...

1. WE PREACH GOOD NEWS

Euangelizomai – Preach good news (Gladness)

Kerysso – Preach, proclaim or herald (Gravity)

The angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news [euangelizomai] of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news [enangelisasthai] to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim [kerysai] liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim [keryxai] the year of the Lord's favour. (Luke 4:18-19)

How are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" [enangelizomenon] (Rom. 10:15)¹

"Both *enangelizomai* and *kerysso*, as the primary words behind the English "preach" in the New Testament, describe a kind of speech that involves ***more than the transfer of information or the explanation of truth that is coming from another source***. They both signify a kind of speech that accords with good news, great import, and significant authority. There is, you might say, in both of them, **gladness and gravity**. The gladness is in the *euangelizomai*, and the gravity is in the *kerysso*. Both are serious. Both are weighty. Neither is frivolous, glib, or trivial. If the messenger gave the impression that his news was trivial, he would be speaking out of character. He would be contradicting his calling as one commissioned for this kind of speaking (*euangelizoman* and *kerysso*).²

WE PREACH GOOD NEWS to believers and unbelievers

¹ John Piper, *Expository Exultation: Christian Preaching as Worship*, (Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway, 2018), 55.

² Piper, 56

Romans 1:13-17: ¹⁴ I am **obligated** both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. ¹⁵ That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome. ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, **because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes**: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷ For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last,³ just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”⁴

So all our preaching is evangelistic. Which is good news for church planters. You don't have to do two different things!

2. WE PREACH THE WORD

We preach the word (2 Timothy 4:2) “Herald the scriptures”

“The message of the preacher, the herald is not merely a body of facts to be understood. It is a constellation of glories to be treasured. It is, at times, a tempest of horrors to be fled.... Preaching is both accurate teaching and heartfelt heralding. It is expository exultation”³

2 Timothy 3:16-4:4

I charge you
In the presence of God
Who is to judge the living and the dead
And by his appearing and his kingdom
PREACH THE WORD

3. WE PREACH CHRIST

²³ ...but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles – 1 Corinthians 1:23

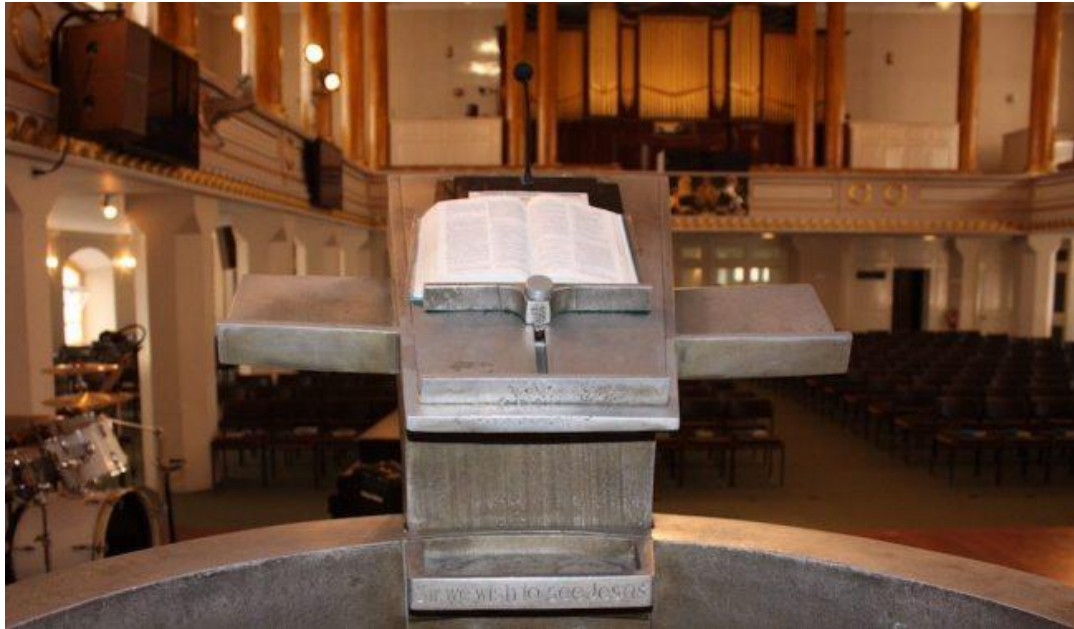
⁵ For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake - 2 Corinthians 4:5

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is

³ Piper, 66

written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. – *Luke 24:44-47*

- “Sir, we wish to see Jesus”



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