

# **Preaching the Gospel**

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## **Introduction**

Paul preached the gospel with great desire and determination (Rom. 1:8-17). The message of truth, the gospel, forms the basis of our hope of salvation (Eph. 1:13-23).

## **In Prophecy**

In the Old Testament dispensation, the gospel was preached in prophecy. Consider God's promise to Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3; Gal. 3:6-9) and also Isaiah's prophecy of the Messiah (Isa. 61:1-3; Luke 4:16-21).

## **In Practice**

In the present dispensation, the gospel must be preached at home, near, and far (Mark 16:15-16; Rom. 10:14-17; 15:18-21; Rev. 14:6-7). Our upcoming Gospel Meeting with brother Chris Reeves begins next Sunday. The Alvin congregation supports the preaching of the gospel in the United States: Rosenberg, Brenham, Abilene, Lampasas, Seminole, and Washington State. We also support the preaching of the gospel in foreign lands, both in the Philippines and also India.

## **In Purpose**

In personal evangelism and public proclamation, the gospel must be preached with purpose. Consider the example and exhortations of John, early disciples, and Paul (Luke 3:15-18; 16:16; Acts 14:21-23; 1 Cor. 9:16-17).

## **In Purity**

The gospel must be preached in its purity and fulness. Not recognizing the danger of digression (Gal. 1:8-9), the Corinthians foolishly accepted those who taught a different gospel (2 Cor. 11:1-6). Like Paul, we must fully preach the gospel of Christ (Rom. 15:18-21), and not shrink back from declaring the whole purpose/counsel of God (Acts 20:25-32).

## **In Persecution**

The gospel must be preached even in the face of persecution. Although they were threatened, and subsequently beaten, the apostles continued to preach Jesus as the Christ (Acts 4:13-22; 5:27-32, 40-42). Later, Barnabas and Saul evidenced similar courage (Acts 14:1-7).

## **Conclusion**

The preaching of the gospel leads to the obedience of faith (Rom. 16:25-27). The preaching of the gospel prepares us for the final judgment (1 Pet. 4:1-6).