



# **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Bible Study Module 3.0**

**Grace Assembly of God Church**

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# 3.4 Preaching God's Word

## - How to Preach

Myths are

- √ Only after preparing well
- √ With the support of Google/ Youtube/ other's preachings/ History
- √ What we know from bible
- √ Carefully, with convincing and without hurting their feelings

Preparation needs for preaching. But our preparation is to be continual and mainly not for preaching to others but for transforming our inner self.

*Our transformation is biggest preaching*

Listening to preachers or watching messages on Youtube or using Google/ history for information is not wrong. But we should read scriptures thoroughly to check whether the information we are receiving is right or wrong.

Romans 10: 15 says

And how will they preach unless they are commissioned and sent [for that purpose]? Just as it is written and forever remains written, **“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!” [Is 52:7]**

*Sometimes, the most renowned may speak something not relevant to scriptures*

*Fact checking from scriptures before believing is crucial.*

We also need to know more from bible to grow  
everyday

*A Christian without spiritual growth on daily  
basis is never a Christian*

Scripture from Hebrews 4:12 (AMP) says Word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating as far as the division of the soul and spirit, and of both joints and marrow [the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and judging the very thoughts and intentions of the heart.

So, how can it be convincing and painless.

Scripture says, our words should be Yes or No. No grey areas are acceptable. But we have to remember that our condemnation should be with Christ's love and patience but not with authority.

*Never think about sugar coating on Word of God*

# Word of God cannot be changed/ altered

Matthew 5:18-19

For I assure you and most solemnly say to you, **until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke [of the pen] will pass from the Law until all things [which it foreshadows] are accomplished.** So whoever breaks one of the least [important] of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least [important] in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever practices and teaches them, he will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.



Matthew 24: 35

Heaven and earth [as now known] will pass away,  
but **My words will not pass away.**

## Deuteronomy 4:2

You **shall not add to the word** which I am commanding you, **nor take away from it**, so that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I am commanding you.

## Revelation 22:18-19

I testify and warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book [its predictions, consolations, and admonitions]: **if anyone adds [anything] to them, God will add to him the plagues (afflictions, calamities)** which are written in this book; and **if anyone takes away from or distorts** the words of the book of this prophecy, **God will take away [from that one] his share from** the tree of life and from the holy city (new Jerusalem), which are written in this book.

# Word of God doesn't need convincing stories/ additional story lines

2 Peter 1: 16

For we **did not follow cleverly devised stories or myths** when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty [His grandeur, His authority, His sovereignty].

## 2 Peter 2: 1-3

But [in those days] false prophets arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will subtly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their shameful ways, and **because of them the way of truth will be maligned**. And in their greed they will exploit you with **false arguments and twisted doctrine**. Their sentence [of condemnation which God has decreed] from a time long ago is not idle [but is still in force], and **their destruction and deepening misery is not asleep [but is on its way]**.

## Matthew 7:15-16

“Beware of the false prophets, [teachers] who come to you dressed as sheep [appearing gentle and innocent], but inwardly are ravenous wolves. **By their fruit you will recognize them [that is, by their contrived doctrine and self-focus].**

## Thessalonians 2:3-5

...our appeal **does not come from delusion or impure motives**, nor [is it motivated] by deceit [our message is complete, accurate, and based on the truth—it does not change].

But just as **we have been approved by God** to be entrusted with the gospel [that tells the good news of salvation through faith in Christ],

...we speak, **not as [if we were trying] to please people** [to gain power and popularity], **but to please God** who examines our hearts [expecting our best].

...we never came with **words of flattery** nor with a **pretext for greed**—God is our witness— nor did we seek glory and honor from people, neither from you nor from anyone else, though as apostles of Christ we had the power to assert our authority.

...Having such a deep affection for you, we were delighted to share with you not only God's good news **but also our own lives**



# Preaching Christ with wrong reasons and motives

Philippians 1: 15-18

Some are preaching Christ out of envy and rivalry [toward me— for no better reason than a competitive spirit or misguided ambition] but others out of goodwill and a loyal spirit [toward me]

Whether in pretense [for self-promotion] or in all honesty [to spread the truth], Christ is being preached; and in this I rejoice.

Never misinterpret this verse. Its not about preaching by any route but by any motive in right path, the right Gospel

## 1 Corinthians 9:16

For if I [merely] preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast about, for I am compelled [that is, absolutely obligated to do it]. **Woe to me if I do not preach the good news [of salvation]!**

## Galatians 1:6-9

...some [people masquerading as teachers] who are **disturbing and confusing** you [with a misleading, counterfeit teaching] and **want to distort the gospel of Christ** [twisting it into something which it absolutely is not].

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a **gospel contrary to that which we [originally] preached to you, let him be condemned to destruction!**

# Preaching in God's sight be like...

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, Because the Lord has anointed and commissioned me

- To bring **good news to the humble and afflicted**; He has sent me to bind up [the wounds of] the brokenhearted,
- To proclaim **release [from confinement and condemnation] to the [physical and spiritual] captives** And freedom to prisoners
- To **proclaim the favorable year of the Lord**, And the day of vengeance and retribution of our God,
- To **comfort all who mourn**, [Matt 11:2-6; Luke 4:18, 19; 7:22]
- To grant to those who mourn: a **turban** instead of dust [on their heads, a sign of mourning], The **oil of joy**, The **garment [expressive] of praise** instead of a disheartened spirit.

## Luke 4: 16-21

Jesus came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. He unrolled the scroll and he read Isaiah 61:1-2

Then He rolled up the scroll and sat down.

He began speaking to them: **“Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing and in your presence.”**

*Simple and straight to the point*

Always long preaching and elaborated explanations are required. Need conviction in heart about what we are preaching

*We are not preaching to please people but to please the Almighty*

Galatians 1:10

Am I now **trying to win the favor and approval of men, or of God?** Or am I seeking to please someone? If I were still trying to be popular with men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.

# Better not to be preachers of words

Matthew 7: 21-23

**“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter** the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. Many will say to Me on that day [when I judge them], ‘Lord, Lord, **have we not prophesied** in Your name, and **driven out demons** in Your name, and **done many miracles** in Your name?’ And then I will **declare to them publicly, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me** [you are banished from My presence], you **who act wickedly** [disregarding My commands].’



## 1 Corinthians 2: 4-5

And my message and **my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom** [using clever rhetoric], but [they were delivered] in demonstration of the [Holy] Spirit [operating through me] and of [His] power [stirring the minds of the listeners and persuading them], so that **your faith would not rest on the wisdom and rhetoric of men, but on the power of God.**

## James 3:1

Not many [of you] should become teachers [serving in an official teaching capacity], my brothers and sisters, for you **know that we [who are teachers] will be judged by a higher standard** [because we have assumed greater accountability and more condemnation if we teach incorrectly].

Preaching doesn't give an additional card to enter heaven.  
Rather it gives more responsibility/ accountability to act  
according to what we preach

# Our lives and behavior is live preaching

I Peter 2:11-12

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers [in this world] to abstain from the sensual urges [those dishonorable desires] that wage war against the soul.

**Keep your behavior excellent among the [unsaved] Gentiles [conduct yourself honorably, with graciousness and integrity]**, so that for whatever reason they may slander you as evildoers, yet **by observing your good deeds** they may [instead come to] **glorify God** in the day of visitation [when He looks upon them with mercy].

# Conclusion

- ✓ We have to preach with conviction but not with convincing words
- ✓ Our job is to throw light on people/ situations through scriptural facts
  - *No need of personal intervention. Holy spirit God will work in them through the spoken words.*
- ✓ Never misuse or misinterpret the scriptures for our own benefit or to target with personal intentions
  - *Punishment will be multiplied*
- ✓ Our life can throw light on facts- *We are light of the world*
  - *Transformation comes by Holy Spirit*
- ✓ Never use human knowledge to preach Word of God
  - *Word of God itself is strong enough to do work*
  - *It doesn't need our helping hand*

**All Praise, Honor and Glory  
To Our Lord  
Thank you for listening**