

PREACHING

A fullest possible definition in progress:

Preaching is the passing on the apostolic¹ Christ-centred² Word of God,³ by teaching sound doctrine⁴ to a particular context⁵ Preaching is done in the presence of God,⁶ trusting in Him to work through His Word,⁷ and to the church.⁸ Its purposes are to bring repentance⁹ and faith,¹⁰ to prevent falling away,¹¹ to build up the church in numbers¹² and godliness¹³, and to train Christ's body to serve one another¹⁴ so that church grows in maturity.¹⁵ Preaching is done by proclamation,¹⁶ persuasion¹⁷ and exhortation,¹⁸ by a man¹⁹ who is qualified in godliness²⁰ and ability,²¹ in the midst of false teaching,²² and in the face of rejection²³ and opposition.²⁴

¹ Acts 2:42; 4:31, 33; 5:42; 8:4 etc. See also Acts 13:13; Ephesians 2:17; Jude 1:6; Hebrews 1:1.

² Luke 24:44-49.

³ (Acts 4:31; 6:2, 7 etc. for the apostles); 1 Thessalonians 1:8; 1 Peter 4:11.

⁴ 2 Timothy 1:13; Titus 1:9; 2:1.

⁵ The letters!

⁶ 2 Timothy 2:14.

⁷ Isaiah 55:10-11; Mark 4:26-32; Acts 11:15-18; 1 Corinthians 3:6-7; 2 Timothy 2:24-26; 1 Peter 1:12.

⁸ 1 Timothy 3:13.

⁹ Mark 1:15; 1 Peter 1:23-24.

¹⁰ Mark 1:15; Acts 13:48; Romans 10:1.

¹¹ 1 Timothy 4:16; Hebrews 2:1; 3:13.

¹² Mark 4:20; 4:30-34; Acts 2:41, 47; 4:4; 5:14; 6:7; 9:31.

¹³ 1 Timothy 4:7-11; 6:3, 2 Timothy 3:16.

¹⁴ Ephesians 4:12.

¹⁵ Mark 4:20; Ephesians 4:13; 1 Peter 2:2.

¹⁶ Acts 8:5; 9:20; 10:37, 42; 19:13; 20:25; 28:31.

¹⁷ Acts 17:2, 17; 18:4, 19; 19:8, 9; 20:7, 9; 24:25.

¹⁸ Acts 2:40; 11:23; 14:22; 15:32; 16:40; 20:1, 2.

¹⁹ 1 Timothy 2:12; 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9.

²⁰ 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Timothy 3:1-7.

²¹ 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:9.

²² 1 Timothy 4:1-3; 2 Timothy 2:14, 25; Titus 1:10-16.

²³ Acts 12:1-3; 2 Timothy 4:3-4.

²⁴ 2 Timothy 2:9; 4:5.