

“Ready to Preach”

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Introduction

1. “So, as much as in me is, I am _____ to _____ the gospel to you that are at Rome also” (**Romans 1:15**).
2. The preaching of God’s Word is vitally important. To that end, we make this study.

Discussion

I. Ready to Preach --- What does it mean to preach?

- A. Literally, to “preach” is to “announce the good news” or “declare or bring glad tidings.”
- B. What is the “good news?” What other word do we often use to mean “good news?”

II. Ready to Preach --- What should be preached?

- A. Some preach just whatever they want to. However, the Bible plainly declares what should be preached. Look up the following verses and make a note of what is to be preached.

1. **Isaiah 61:1** _____
2. **Matt. 4:17** _____
3. **Mark 16:15** _____
4. **Luke 4:18** _____
5. **Luke 4:43** _____
6. **Acts 5:42** _____
7. **II Tim. 4:2** _____

- B. Does any preacher have the right to preach what he cannot find in the Word of God? What Scriptural evidence can you find to support your answer?

III. Ready to Preach --- Where and when should preaching be done?

A. Some feel that preaching is to be done only in church buildings at pre-set times. Certainly, it can and should be done there. However, it should not be limited to these. Read the following verses and record where (and when if applicable) the preaching was being done.

1. **Jonah 3:2** _____
2. **Matt. 3:1** _____
3. **Matt. 10:27** _____
4. **Mark 1:39** _____
5. **Mark 16:15** _____
6. **Acts 5:42** _____
7. **Acts 8:5** _____
8. **Acts 13:42** _____
9. **Acts 20:20** _____

B. The bottom line is, we preach where we have been _____, and we preach when we have been _____. No exceptions!

IV. Ready to Preach --- The attitude needed

- A. Somebody famously said “No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care.” There is a lot of truth in that statement.
- B. Those to whom we preach must know, sense and feel our love for their soul. Until they do, not much will be accomplished.
- C. We must “speak the truth in _____” (**Ephesians 4:15**).
- D. We must preach with “_____,” our speech being “seasoned with _____” (**Colossians 4:6**).
- E. John wrote “My little children, let us not love in _____, neither in tongue; but in _____ and in _____” (**I John 3:18**).
- F. True or False: It is not so much what we say, but how we say it.

Conclusion

1. “How then shall they _____ on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they _____ in _____ him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they _____ without a _____” (**Romans 10:14**)?
2. Let us be content to “_____ the word” (**II Timothy 4:2**) when we can, to whom we can with the very best attitude we can. What do you say?