



PREACH THE WORD

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *II Timothy 4:1-8*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

The Great Commission declared the innate purpose of the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to Earth. He was born to die, to bring salvation to mankind. He would teach His Apostles, giving them the Great Commission: “*Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned*” (*Mark 16:15-16*). Thus, His purpose would be accomplished.

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God (John 1:1-2).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. The Bible establishes Jesus as the Word. The Apostolic Faith Church preaches the Word to its fullness, preaching the glorious Gospel of the Kingdom of God: Jesus saves, Jesus heals, Jesus baptizes with the Holy Ghost and with Fire, and Jesus is coming soon. The Gospel saves souls from sin, death, hell and the grave (*Matthew 4:23-24; John 3:1-7; Acts 1:10-11, 2:1-4, 38, 4:12*).
2. The Word of God is Spirit and life to our souls (*John 6:63*).
3. There is power and permanence in the Word of God. There is great value in the Word of God. The Word must be preached urgently and faithfully as it is able to make one “wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” (*I Peter 1:25; II Timothy 3:15*).

4. Order must be maintained among God’s people (*II Timothy 2:21, 3:16-17; Titus 1:13*).
5. Time’s clock is striking the hour. Beware of evil times and false teachers (*I Timothy 4:1-7; II Timothy 3:1-5, 7*).

BACKGROUND SETTING:

The second epistle to Timothy was probably written from Rome between 65 and 67 AD and contained the last recorded words of the Apostle Paul. The general purpose was to encourage and instruct Timothy, his son in the faith, a young pastor, in his ministerial work, and to request that Timothy hurry to Rome as Paul expected that he would soon be executed (*II Timothy 3:10, 4:6*). Also, loneliness was overcoming Paul as many friends had deserted him. Relevant words of comfort and encouragement were offered to Timothy to cultivate his spiritual gifts advising Timothy to refuse profane and old wives fables and rather seek after godliness. Timothy was advised to search the word and to be an “*example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity*” (*I Timothy 4:12*).

LESSON SUMMARY:

Paul emphasizes to Timothy the obligation to solemnly and faithfully preach the Word of God in season and out of season and to reprove, rebuke and exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. The man of God would be spiritually prepared and made perfect and be thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Paul predicted a time when men would be deceived and despise the truth, turning to false teachers and be deceived. He exhorts Timothy to an earnest and faithful ministry. Paul’s career ends in the spirit of victory acknowledging his readiness to depart having fought a good fight and finishing his course. Having kept the faith, Paul knew of the crown of righteousness which awaited him, and for all that love the Lord’s appearing (*II Timothy 4:7-8*).

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