

The ministry of preaching the kingdom of God-101

The law, the Bible as a rule book, ended, the kingdom of God is now to be preached

Luke 16:16 (Jesus) **The law and the prophets were until John (the Baptist). Since then the kingdom of God (God's reign over us) has been preached, and all (whose hearts believe the words preached to them - desire to) press into it.**

To preach the gospel, the good news, is to preach the good news of God's kingdom

Mark 1:14 ...**Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,**

Matt 13:19 **When anyone hears the word of the kingdom...in their heart...**

The kingdom of God, where God's righteous will rules, expands when God's words, the words of the Kingdom, are preached by someone, then heard and believed in someone's heart. It is fabulously good news because as God's righteous kingdom enters a person it begins to take control of that person's soul or will. As a result all the powers of sin, meaning any will other than God's, that controlled that person's will, their human nature, the Devil and the world he rules, now begin to be defeated.

The words of the kingdom when preached are life, the life of God and they are Christ

John 6:63 (Jesus) **The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.**

2 Peter 1:4 ...**Exceedingly great and precious promises (God's words preached), that by these you may be partakers of the divine nature...(of Christ)**

Acts 8:5 **Then Philip went...and preached Christ (God's living words) to them.**

By the first words of the kingdom that our hearts hear and believe we are born again:

1 Pe 1:23 **Having been born again...by the word of God (believed in our hearts)...**

Our hearts, our spirits, are re-born by God's creative life in a single living word of God that we believe. But not enough of that life of Jesus, the kingdom of God, has yet been given to us to fully overthrow the rule of our flesh and the Devil over our soul or will. We must continue to receive more of the words of the kingdom to be made free.

John 8:31-32 (Jesus) ...**If you continue in My word...you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free (increasingly from your sin enticing enemies)**

36 **...If the Son (God's word) makes you free, you shall be free indeed.**

No one can preach the words of the kingdom without the Holy Spirit, otherwise its law

Luke 4:18 (Jesus) **The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel... (we too must have the Holy Spirit)**

1 Pet 1:12 ...**Those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit...**

God's words on the pages of our Bibles are dead and as such are law. By quoting them to a person, they can't be saved, made free from sin and its power, in order to enter God's righteous kingdom. The words must be made alive by God's Holy Spirit so that they impart the life and power of God's own nature, Jesus, to a person's heart.

2 Cor 3:5-6...**God has made us able ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter (the written word) but of the Spirit; for the letter kills (not having power to overcome sin, it only condemns) but the Holy Spirit gives life (to the written word).**

1 Pe 4:11 **Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God (God speaking His words from our hearts by His Spirit); whoever ministers is to do so with the ability (the Holy Spirit) whom God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified in and by Jesus Christ (in them);**

To preach God's words by the Holy Spirit requires living in submission to God's Spirit

Eph 1:13 **In Christ you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed (as a mark of God's ownership) with the promised Holy Spirit,**

Rom 8:9 (Written to Christians) **You do not live as your human nature tells you to; instead, you live as the Holy Spirit tells you to — if, in fact, God's Spirit lives in you (in your spirit, heart, and speaks to your spirit)... TEV**

Acts 5:32 **...The Holy Spirit whom God has given to those (willing to) obey Him.**

Gal 3:2 (To Christians)...**Did you receive God's Spirit by doing what the Law requires or by hearing the gospel (that promises Him) and believing it?** TEV

God's kingdom enters our hearts by His words; we enter it by yielding to the Holy Spirit

Rom 14:17 **The kingdom of God is...righteousness...(as we're) in the Holy Spirit.**

Now God can speak through us, we are His Ambassadors and He can send us out

2 Cor 5:20 **Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, God as it were pleading through us: we implore you for Christ's sake, be reconciled to God.**

Rom 10:14-15 **How then shall they call on Christ in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a (Spirit filled) preacher?**

15 **And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: How beautiful are the feet (the words) of those who preach good news (God's words of love, life and power, to save them from Satan's sin filled kingdom, into God's sin free Kingdom of heaven – now and for eternity)!**

Isa 6:8 **Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I; Send me."**