



2 Timothy

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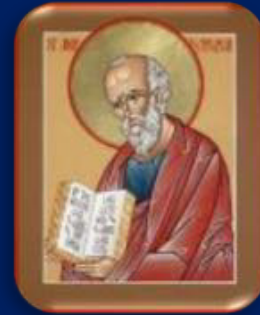
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2 Timothy Introduction

The Call to Christian Perseverance

Answering Nine Questions



- 1) Who wrote it? – Paul
- 2) What do we know about the author? – An Apostle
- 3) To whom was it written? – Timothy
- 4) When was it written? - A.D. 67
- 5) Where was it written from? – Rome
- 6) Why was it written? – Timothy's timidity
- 7) What is it about? – Perseverance
- 8) What is inside (outline)? – 4 part outline
- 9) What makes the book different? – Paul's final word

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Ten Metaphors Illustrating
Endurance

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- Teacher (2:2)
- Soldier (2:3-4)
- Athlete (2:5)
- Farmer (2:6)
- Christ (2:7-8)
- Paul (2:9-10)
- Trustworthy statement (2:11-13)
- Workman (2:14-18)
- Vessel (2:19-23)
- Servant (2:24-26)

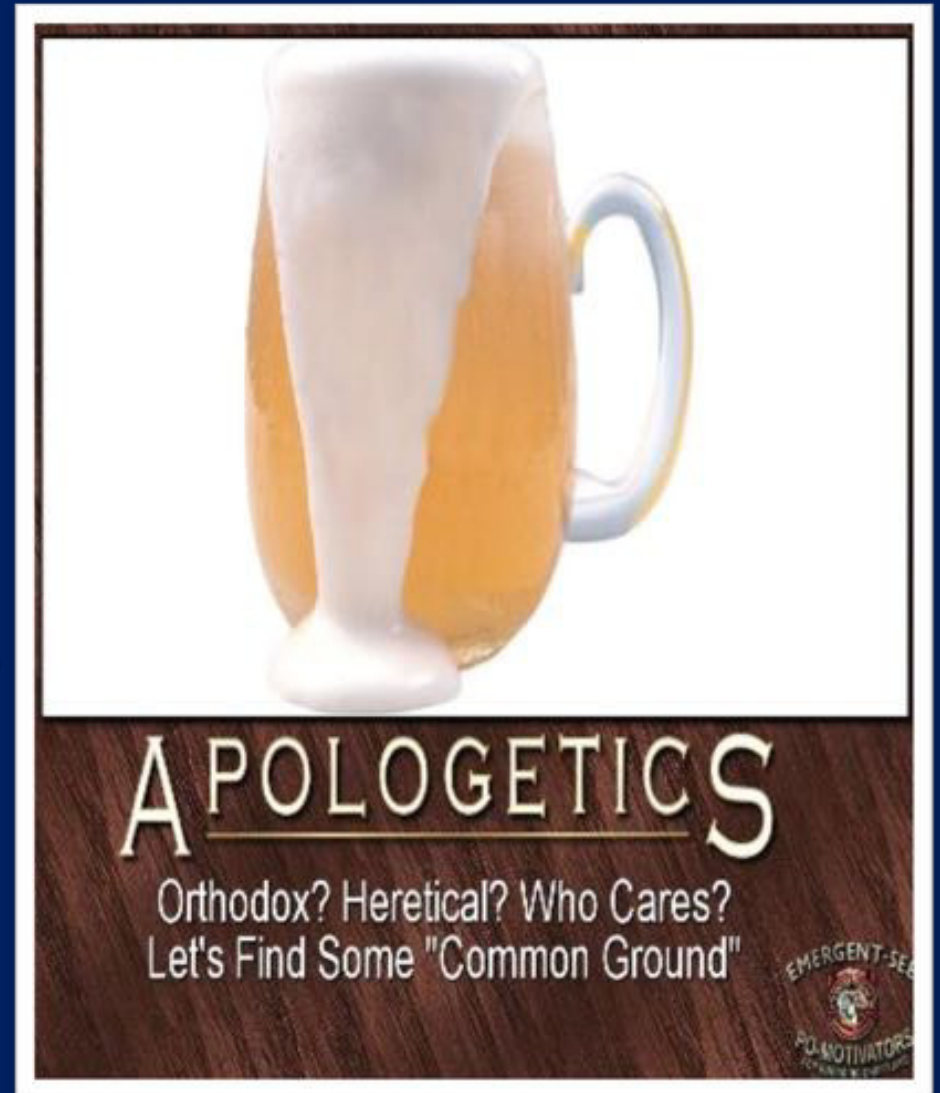


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Definition of Apostasy

- *apos* = away from
- *histēmi* = to stand
- Apostasy = to stand away from
- Apostasy = a departure from known (or previously embraced) truth



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1. Paul's ministry (10a)
2. Paul's character (10b)
3. Paul's difficulties (11-13)



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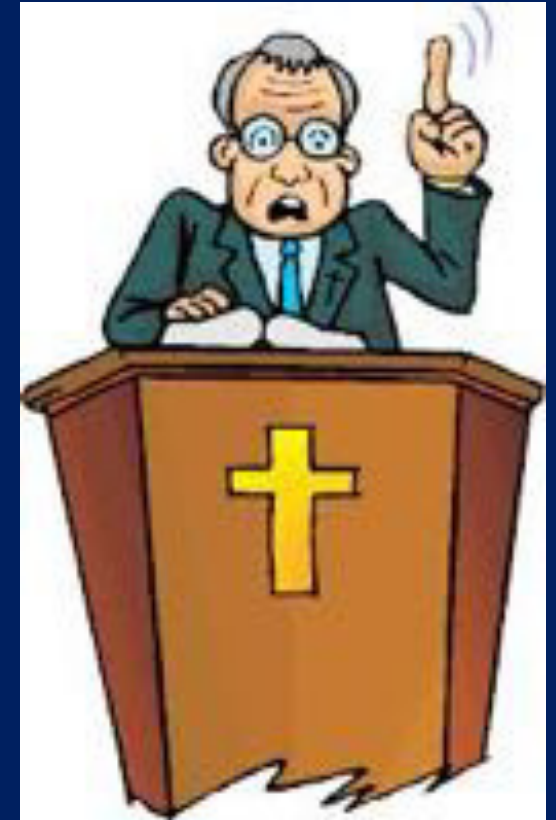
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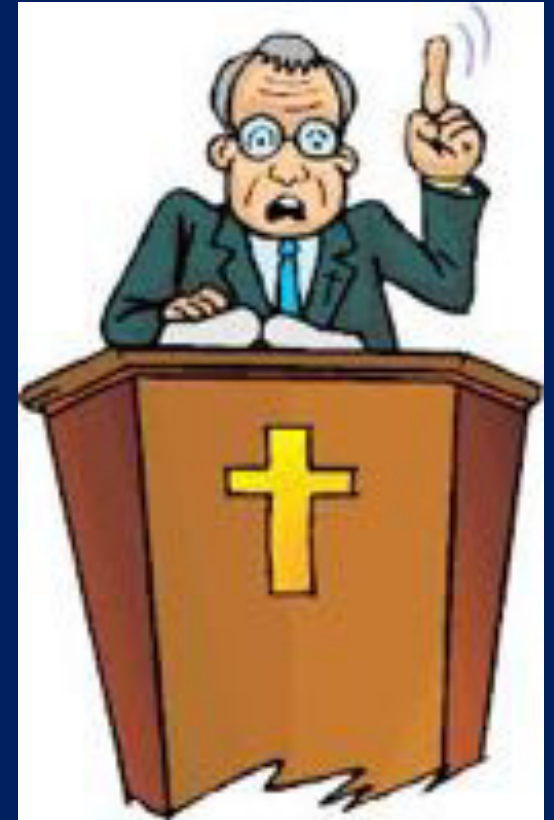
“At Solomon’s porch, sermons are not primarily about my extracting truth from the Bible to apply to people’s lives...So our sermons are not lessons that precisely define belief so much as they are stories that welcome our hopes and ideas and participation” (Italics added).



Doug Pagitt, cited in Oakland, 41-42.

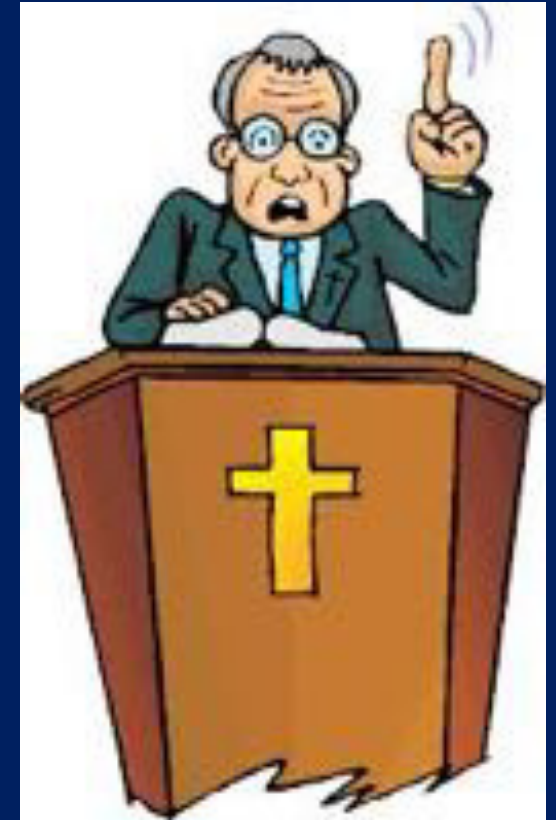
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“It isn't about clever apologetics or careful exegetical or expository preaching... Emerging generations are hungering to experience God in worship” (Italics added).



Emergent: Preaching

“A spiritual Tsunami has hit postmodern culture. The wave will build without breaking for decades to come. The wave is this: People want to *know* God. They want *less to know about God* ...they want new *experiences*, especially new experiences of the divine” (Italics added).



Leonard Sweet, *Soul Tsunami*, 420.

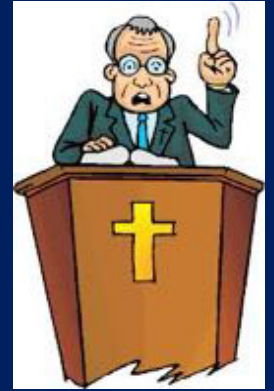
Emergent: Doctrine



“...something beyond a belief system or doctrinal array or even a practice. I mean an attitude—an attitude toward God and our neighbor and our mission that is *passionate.*”

Brian McLaren, *A Generous Orthodoxy*, 117-18.

Emergent: Slogans



- “Don’t give me doctrine, just give me Jesus.”
- “What really matters is Christ not creed.”
- “Devotion is important and not doctrine.”
- “What counts is our behavior, and not our beliefs.”

Most of these slogans were originally accumulated in Henry Holloman, “Prolegomena, Bibliology, and Theology (Part 1)” (unpublished class notes in TTH511 Theology I, Talbot Theological Seminary, Spring 1998), 9.

Emergent: Guru Rick Warren



- “God won’t ask you about your religious background or doctrinal views.”
- “Jesus said our *love for each other* - not our doctrinal beliefs - is our greatest witness to the world.”
- “Today many assume that spiritual maturity is measured by the amount of biblical information and doctrine you know.”

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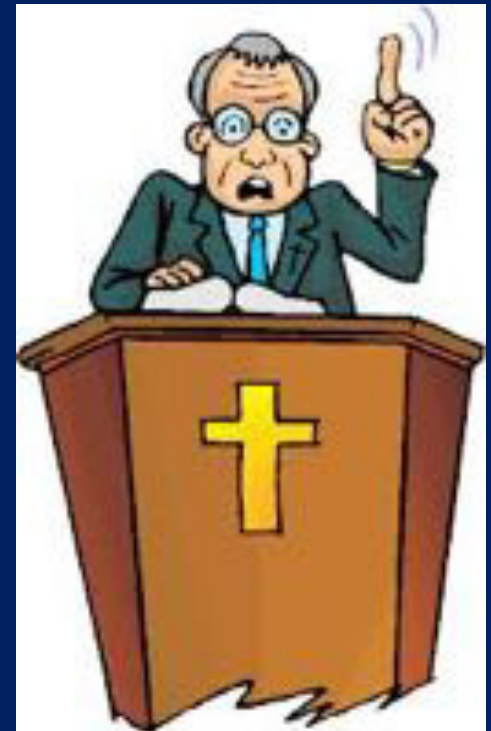


- “The Bible is far *more than a doctrinal guidebook.*”
- “The *last thing* many believers need today is to go to another *Bible study*. They already know far more than they are putting into practice.”
- “My pastor has been in Daniel’s seventy weeks longer than Daniel was!”

Purpose Driven Life 186, 231; Purpose Driven Church 300

Biblical: Preaching

- Biblical priority of preaching –Acts 2:42; 2 Tim 3:15–4:2; Matt 4:4; Neh 8; 2 Kgs 22
- New dark ages?



Emphasis of 2 Timothy

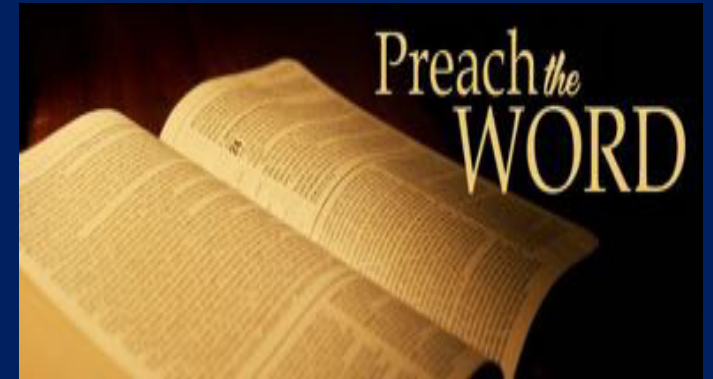
“By my count, there are twenty-seven explicit commands given in the body of this letter. In 27 words Paul tells pastors what to focus on. You have to be blind to miss the thrust of Paul's instructions here, because *eighteen* of those commands--fully *two-thirds*--have to do with the ministry of the *Word.*”



Daniel Wallace, “Crisis of the Word: A Message to Pastors or Would-be Pastors,” *Conservative Theological Journal* 1, no. 2 (August 1997): 108.

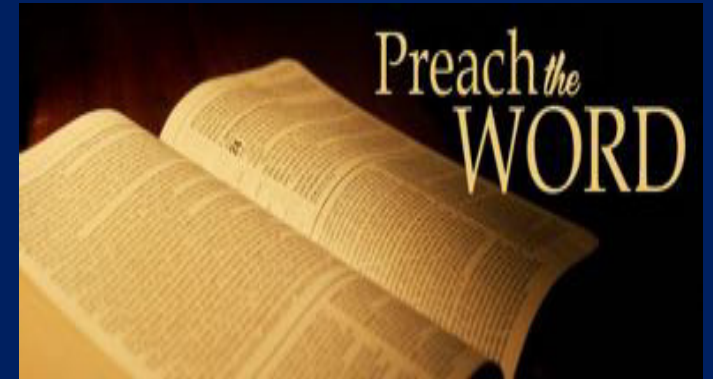
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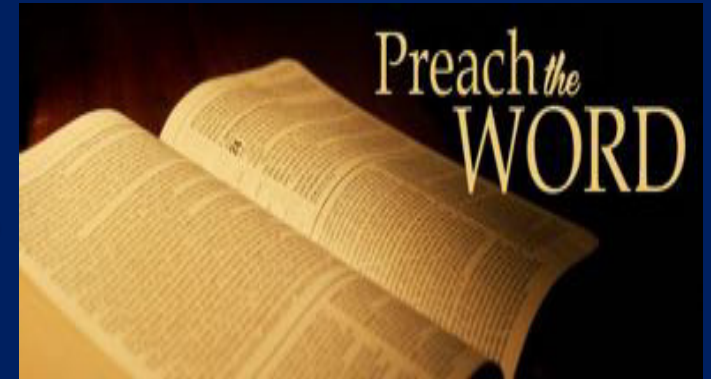
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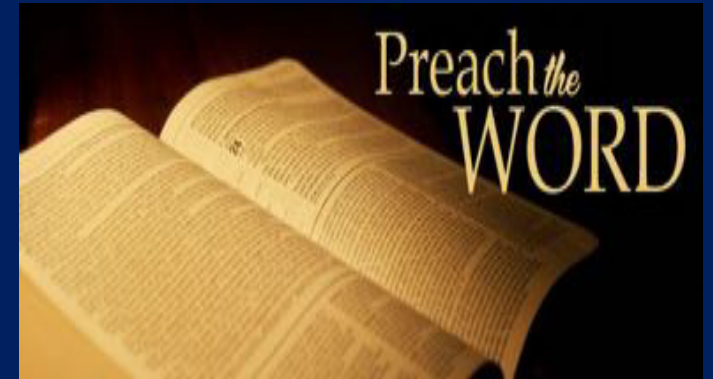


“Believe” Defined

pisteuō...“to believe,” also “to be persuaded of,” and hence, “to place confidence in, to trust,” signifies, in this sense of the word, reliance upon, not mere credence. It is most frequent in the writings of the apostle John, especially the Gospel. He does not use the noun...Of the writers of the Gospels...uses of the verb...John ninety-nine.

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INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 2:20-21

- Men Wrote as they were inspired by Holy Spirit
“phero” = to carry Acts 27:15,17
- Opposite of Knowledge of False Teachers
 - ◆ *Which is their own imagination*
 - ◆ *Jer. 23:16*

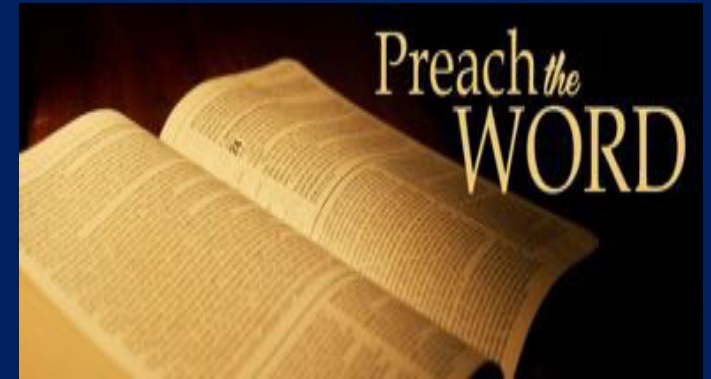


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Caesar	100-44 BC	AD 900	1,000 yrs	10
Plato	427-347 BC	900 AD	1,200 yrs	7
Thucydides	460-400 BC	AD 900	1,300 yrs	8
Tacitus	AD 100	AD 1100	1,000 yrs	20
Suetonius	AD 75-160	AD 950	800 yrs	8
Homer (Iliad)	900 BC	400 BC	500 yrs	643
New Testament	AD 40-100	AD 125	25-50 yrs	>24,000!

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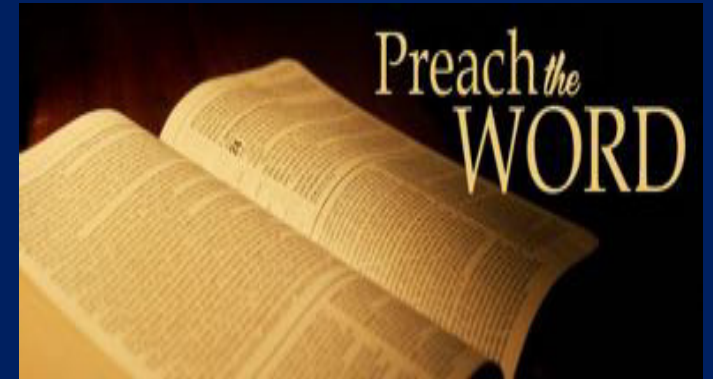
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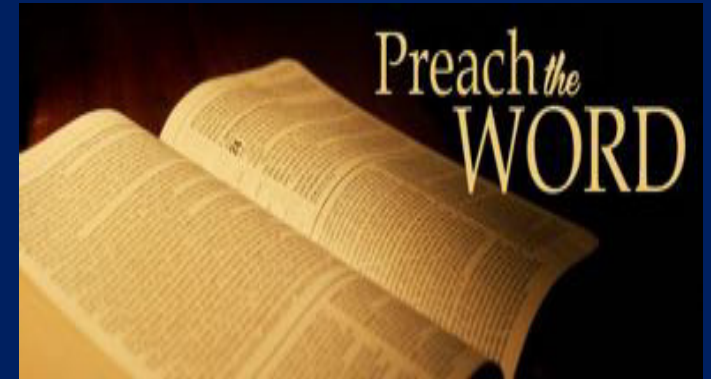
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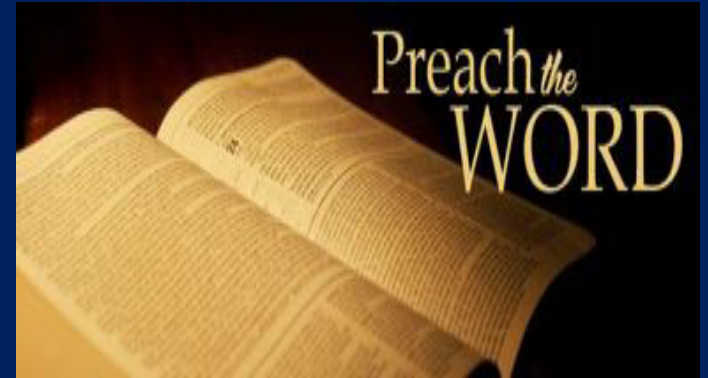
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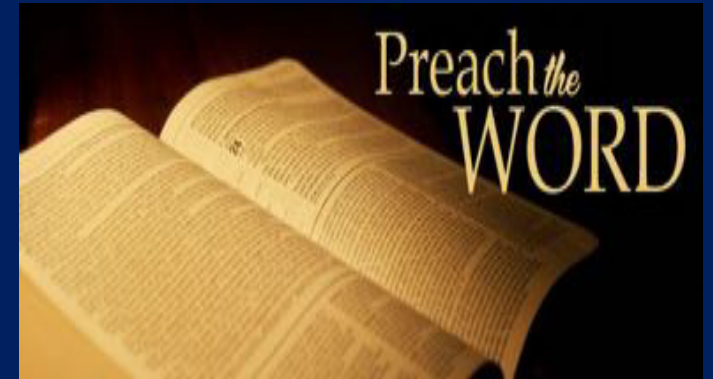
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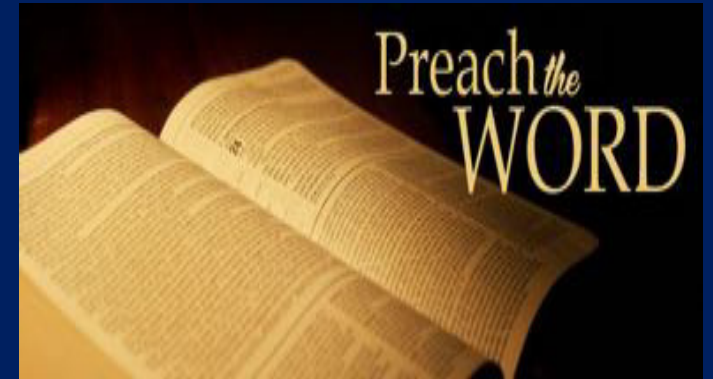
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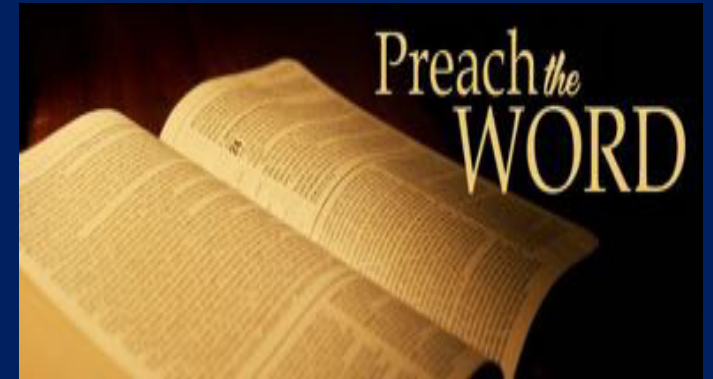
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“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)