

The Holy Spirit: The Best Preacher

Sermon in a Sentence: Since the Holy Spirit is the best preacher, those who are filled with and anointed by the Spirit will be most effective in proclaiming the gospel.

Sermon Purpose: That the hearers may be filled with the Spirit and committed to preaching Christ in the power of the Spirit.

Text: Romans 1:4: "[Jesus] who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord."

Introduction

1. According to our text, the Holy Spirit proclaimed the message that Jesus Christ was alive!
 - a. The Spirit's preaching was clothed with power and rich anointing.
 - b. In the book of Acts the early preachers experienced that same anointing.
 - c. And the resurrection and the Lordship of Christ was their primary emphasis.
2. As a result, their ministries were powerful and effective.
 - a. The response of the people was amazing.
 - b. Paul once testified, "You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews have believed" (Acts 21:20).
3. We must never forget that the Holy Spirit is the best preacher!
 - a. And He is ready to aid us in our proclamation of Christ!
 - b. He will anoint and aid our preaching in three important ways:

I. SPIRIT-LED PREPARATION

- A. Good preaching is the product of good preparation.
 1. But we must remember that good preparation is much more than academic study.
 2. The most important part is the spiritual element.
- B. The Holy Spirit will guide and anoint us in our preparation:
 1. Jesus promised that the Spirit would guide us into all truth (John 16:13).
 2. The Spirit will open our minds to know what we should say (Luke 24:45).
- C. Seek the anointing of the Spirit as you prepare to preach and witness for Christ.

II. SPIRIT-ANOINTED PRESENTATION

- A. The Spirit will also anoint us and help us to communicate God's message (Zech. 4:6).
 - 1. He aided Jesus (Luke 4:18-19).
 - 2. He aided Peter and John (Acts 4:8, 31).
 - 3. He aided Paul (9:17-20).
- B. We must communicate God's message with hearts and voices touched by the Holy Spirit.
 - 1. Anointed preaching convicts (John 16:8; Acts 2:37).
 - 2. Anointed preaching is a powerful witness to the lost (Acts 1:8; Acts 4:33).
- C. Trust the Spirit to anoint you as you proclaim the gospel.

III. SPIRIT-FILLED PRESERVATION

- A. The Spirit will also help to preserve the harvest.
 - 1. The Spirit who empowers and saves also keeps (1 Thess. 5:23).
- B. Enabling the saints to continue in the faith is a cooperative work of the Holy Spirit and the preacher:
 - 1. We must continue to proclaim Christ in the power of the Spirit (Acts 5:42).
 - 2. All along, we must trust the Spirit to do His work.
 - 3. Such preaching will bring glory to Christ (John 16:14).

Conclusion and Altar Call

- 1. Apart from the Holy Spirit, the preacher can do nothing of lasting value, but when he or she is empowered, controlled, and led by the Holy Spirit, the Kingdom will be advanced.
- 2. Come to be filled and refilled with the Spirit today.

— Jerry Falley