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The New Testament! "What preaching does!"

Matthew 10:7 (KJV) And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Luke 9:2 (KJV) And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

Mark 1:14-15 (KJV) Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Today we will look at 1) what preaching does 2) the plan preaching presents

Next week we will look at "The Plan of God Carried Out by God Acting in History"

1) What This Preaching Does!

It announces a plan and a purpose

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The time spoken of has come to pass

John 5:25 (ESV) "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live."

Here is the great message of the Bible, "God has had a plan and purpose from the foundation of the world, a plan to deal with the sin and shame of this world"

God has had a plan to deliver men and women out the lostness and sinfulness into which all have fallen

1 Corinthians 2:7 (ESV) But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

This is what preaching is, it is telling the plan of God to save sinful men

God has a plan in which mankind can be delivered out of their failures and sins and be made citizens of the Kingdom of God!

God's plan is for us to become a part of His earthly Kingdom which is the beginning of a heavenly and eternal Kingdom

2) The Plan Preaching Presents!

Hebrews 1:1-2 (ESV) Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

The OT reveals the plan

Genesis 3:15 (ESV) I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Genesis 3:21 (ESV) And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

The plan for God to provide a sacrifice for our sins and a savior to save us from sin, satan and self

Here it is, God acting in history

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The entire plan has been revealed

He has revealed His Law in the 10 Commandments

He is a hater of sin, He will punish all sin
He has either punished Jesus for our sins are we can
expect the punishment for eternity

**James 1:17 (ESV) Every good gift and every perfect
gift is from above, coming down from the Father of
lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due
to change.**

I will speak even stronger, God cannot change
He is everlasting and unchanging
But the world would say man has changed
The world says we are smarter, really, well maybe
we have more knowledge

But really are people any different?

Are they different morally?

Surely since we have all this "knowledge" we have
given these vices up, right?

Today people still love their idols and the things of
this world!

The problem of men and women today is the same
as in Genesis, Exodus, I Kings, Psalms, Proverbs and
NT

We are still sinners, we are still selfish and mean

The problem is and has always been that man is a
moral being and the things of this world will not fix it
Man is dead in trespasses and sins and only God can
make a dead man alive

What God has revealed in the past and in His Word is
still true and applicable for today

According to those that think things are evolving and
that things must change with the times it is crucial
that we understand we do not have more knowledge,
spiritual or Biblical than Paul

We know no more about Christ than the Apostles
The church is built on...

Ephesians 2:20 (ESV) Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.

Why is that, how could that be?

Because God chose these men at that time and place
and gave them His revelation

He gave them the knowledge then that they needed
and that we need today

He took those men and inspired them and they
accurately recorded His revelation

It is such that even if men live another billion years
they will never know more about God or about Christ
or about heaven, or about hell or about salvation
than they knew when it was revealed to the
prophets, than we can know today when we read the
Bible with spiritual eyes

He gave His revelation in completeness once and
forever

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Repent, turn from your way and from the ways of
the world and go God's way, become a follower of
Jesus

Repent, turn from all known and willful sins

Put all your trust now in the work of Christ on the
cross for your salvation

And surrender your heart and life to Christ, NOW!