

The Preaching of the Word and Its Place in Christian Worship – 2 Timothy 4:1-5

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Preaching has fallen on hard times, no longer valued in the Christian church the way it once was. Preaching has been replaced or marginalized by other means of communication. Or it has been augmented with other attractions because it is deemed too weak to stand on its own merits. Nevertheless, the preaching of the Word of God is ordained by the Lord for His church, and the Lord still blesses what He has ordained. It is not up to us to decide what is 'effective' or 'relevant'; the church has been commissioned by the Lord to "Preach the Word" (2 Tim. 4:1-5). In these two sessions, we will look at the preaching of the Word as a vital component for Christian worship, demonstrating that preaching is indispensable for the New Testament church. We will focus on three main areas: the precedent for preaching, the activity of preaching itself, and the necessity of preaching in Christian worship.

1. The Precedent for Preaching: Why do we preach in the first place?
2. The Activity of Preaching: What is preaching and how is it practiced?
3. The Necessity of Preaching: Why is preaching a part of Christian worship?