

**Gospel Soundness in Difficult Times**  
**Part 2: Preach The Word**  
**A Sermon on 2 Timothy 4:1-8**  
**August 9, 2020**  
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**Sermon Text**

**2 Timothy 4:1-8**

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup>preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

<sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

**Key Idea: I preach the Word in all seasons of life.**

I. We preach the word because of Jesus (2 Timothy 4:1-2a)

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II. We preach the word because people seek out the teachings that fill their sinful desires rather than truth (2 Timothy 4:3-5)

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III. The word needs to be preached to the next generations (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

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IV. The word is to be preached at all times (2 Timothy 4:2)

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**Spiritual Growth Questions**  
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1. Read 2 Timothy 4:1-8. What stands out to you about these verses?
2. Looking at verses 1-2, what stands out to you about these verses? What is the word useful for? What is the difference between the correct and incorrect way to use scripture to do these things?
3. Read 2 Timothy 4:1 and Matthew 28:18-20. What is the foremost reason that Paul gives to Timothy for preaching the Word? What should be our motivation for preaching the Word?
4. Read 2 Timothy 4:2 and Hebrews 3:12-14. How should we build one another up as the body of Christ during times of uncertainty?
5. Looking at verse 3-5 of 2 Timothy 4, compare and contrast how the world around us behaves, verses how we are to conduct ourselves. Why is it then so important for our conduct to be Christ-like and our teaching to be sound?
6. In verses 6-8, Paul shares his legacy with Timothy in the hopes that others would be able to say the same things and the end of their ministry. Why is the preaching of the Word vital to the passing of the torch to the next generations?
7. What is one way that you can better prepare yourself this week to preach the Word in the coming seasons of your life?