



22. Preaching and Teaching

Preaching and teaching in the Bible are not the same. Preaching was often done standing up and teaching was done sitting down. The subject matter of the two was different as well. Preaching was declaring the Gospel ... teaching was about the spiritual life. And the purpose was different. Preaching was persuading people to believe ... teaching was equipping believers to live. Preaching today exhorts, encourages, and entertains people to believe, behave and belong. Teaching equips ... *equips* people to believe, behave, and belong. Those two are very different. Preaching is good ... but preaching with good content is still just preaching.

Jesus gives four kinds of people [apostles, prophets, evangelists, and pastor/teachers] to equip believers.

From Ephesians 4:11-13, they are given *“for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.”* All of that won't happen from just preaching.

Be sure, be very sure, that you are being *taught* sound practical truth from God's Word.

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