

Contending For The Faith Once For All Delivered To The Saints (Jude 3)
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"HE GAVE SOME TO BE EVANGELISTS..." (Eph. 4:11)

Since there is much misunderstanding, misconception, and false doctrine surrounding the gospel preacher and his work it would be good for us to take the time to thoroughly study this subject.

I. DESCRIPTION

- A. Preacher--Rom. 10:14 (Herald--Vine)
- B. Minister--I Cor. 3:5 (A Servant--Vine)
- C. Evangelist--Acts 21:8 (Messenger of Good--Vine)
- D. All refer To Same Man--I Tim. 2:7, I Cor. 4:1, II Tim. 4:5

II. PLACE IN THE CONGREGATION

- A. Preacher Is Known As "one of you" At The Church He Labors With Col. 1:7; 4:12, Acts 9:26
- B. Minister May Locate--Acts 20:31; 18:11; Acts 8:40-21:8
- C. Preacher May Labor Under Elders--Acts 20:17-31; I Tim. 1:3
- D. An Evangelist Does Not Take "Flattering Titles" (Job 32:21-22) Such As "Reverend" (Ps. 111:9)
- E. A Preacher Is Not The Ruler But A Servant On The Church--II Cor. 4:5

III. QUALIFICATIONS (COMMANDS)

- A. Must Refute False Doctrines Prevalent In The Roman Catholic Church I Tim. 4:1-6
- B. "Be Thou An Example In: Word, Conversation, Charity, Spirit, Faith, Purity"--I Tim. 4:12
- C. "Endure Afflictions"--II Tim. 4:5 (All Men Have Not Faith)

IV. THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST

- A. What Is Not The Work Of An Evangelist:
 - 1. Preaching politics, worldly wisdom, organizing marches and urging passage of laws dealing with social reforms
 - 2. Being a "glorified youth director" or camp counsler.
 - 3. Being the church's "paid hospital visitor" (All Christians visit)
 - 4. Waiting on tables--Acts 6:1-6
- B. The "Intent Ye Have Sent For Me" (Acts 10:29)
 - 1. Preaching--II Tim. 4:2
 - 2. Study--II Tim. 2:15
 - 3. Personal work--Acts 20:20
 - 4. Debate--Acts 17:17
 - 5. Appointing elders--Tit. 1:5

V. SUPPORT--"PLOW IN HOPE"

- A. The Scriptures Teach A Preacher May Receive Money From The Church He Labors With--I Cor. 9:7-14
- B. Individual Christians Help Him "In All Good Things"--Gal. 6:6
- C. Churches Send Money DIRECTLY To The Preacher--Phil. 4:14-18
- D. This Money Is "Wages"--I Cor. 11:8 "A Labourer Is Worthy Of His Reward"--I Tim. 5:18

VI. HOW TO PREACH THE BIBLE

- A. God's Servents Generally Are Not Versed In Oratory Or Worldly Wisdom: Ex. 4:10; Jer. 1:6; Acts 4:13; I Cor. 2:1
 - 1. "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."--I Cor. 2:5
- B. "We Preach Not Ourselver But Christ Jesus As Lord.."--II Cor. 4:5
- C. Preach "Whole Council"--Acts 20:27 Repeat If Necessary--II Pet 1:12
- D. Preach To Please God Not Man--Gal. 1:10 (Reprove, Rebuke, Exhort)
- E. Speak The Truth In Love--Eph. 4:15
- F. "...I May Speak Boldly As I Ought To Speak"--Eph. 6:19,20
- G. Use Simple Language--I Cor. 1:17
- H. Preach, Realizing You Are Not Responsible For The Increase just the teaching and self practicing of the truth.--Ez. 3:15-21

"..strive together with me in your prayers to God for me." (Rom. 15:30)