**The Model Church – The Need for Leaders (part 4): Preachers**

Let us continue our word study by looking at the Greeks word from which we get preacher and preach from.

**PREACHER – FOUND 4 TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**

**1 Timothy 2:7 (NKJV)**
7  for which I was appointed a **preacher (2783)** and an apostle--I am speaking the truth in Christ *and* not lying--a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

**2 Timothy 1:11 (NKJV)**
11  to which I was appointed a **preacher (2783)**, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

**2 Peter 2:5 (NKJV)**
5  and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of* eight *people,* a **preacher (2783)** of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

**Romans 10:14 (NKJV)**
14  How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a **preacher (2784)**?

**Preacher/Proclaim**

**(2783, kerux):**

Translated preacher **3 times** in the New Testament; **preacher 3**

**VINES:** "a herald" (akin to A, No. 2 and B, above), is used (a) of the "preacher" of the Gospel, 1 Tim. 2:7; 2 Tim. 1:11; (b) of Noah, as a "preacher" of righteousness, 2 Pet. 2:5. Notes: (1) For "a preacher," in Rom. 10:14, where the verb keruss`o is used, see PREACH, A, No. 2. (2) Kerux indicates the "preacher" as giving a proclamation; euangelistes points to his message as glad tidings; apostolos suggests his relationship to Him by whom he is sent.

**Example passages in the New Testament**

**1 Timothy 2:7; 2 Timothy 1:11; 2 Peter 2:5**

**(verb, 2784, kerusso):**

**Occurs 63 times in 60 verses** in the Greek concordance of the KJV; **preach 51**, **publish 5**, **proclaim 2**, **preacher 1**

**VINES:** signifies (a) "to be a herald," or, in general, "to proclaim," e.g., Matt. 3:1; Mark 1:45, "publish;" in Luke 4:18, RV, "to proclaim," AV, "to preach;" so Luke 4:19; Luke 12:3; Acts 10:37; Rom. 2:21; Rev. 5:2.; (b) "to preach the Gospel as a herald," e.g., Matt. 24:14; Mark 13:10, RV, "be preached" (AV, "be published"); Mark 14:9; 16:15,20; Luke 8:1; 9:2; 24:47; Acts 8:5; 19:13; 28:31; Rom. 10:14, present participle, lit., "(one) preaching," "a preacher;" Rom. 10:15 (1st part); 1 Cor. 1:23; 15:11,12; 2 Cor. 1:19; 4:5; 11:4; Gal. 2:2; Phil. 1:15; Col. 1:23; 1 Thess. 2:9; 1 Tim. 3:16; (c) "to preach the word," 2 Tim. 4:2 (of the ministry of the Scriptures, with special reference to the Gospel). See PROCLAIM, PUBLISH.

**Example passages in the New Testament**

**Matthew 3:1, 24:14; Mark 14:9, 16:15-20; Luke 4:18-19, 9:1-2, 12:3, 24:46-47; 1 Corinthians 1:23, 15:11; 2 Corinthians 1:18-20, 4:5**

**Passages where Greek words for evangelize, preach, and teach occur together**

**Luke 8:1 (ESV)** 1 Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, **proclaiming (2784-preaching)** and **bringing (2097-evangelizing)** the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him,

**Acts 8:4-5 (ESV)** 4 Now those who were scattered went about **preaching (2097-evangelizing)**
the word. 5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria and **proclaimed (2784-preach)** to them the Christ.

**Acts 28:30-31 (ESV)** 30 He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, 31 **proclaiming (2784-preaching)** the kingdom of God and **teaching (1321-teaching)** about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

**Romans 10:15 (ESV)** 15 And how are they to **preach (2784-preach)** unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who **preach (2097-evangelize)** the good news!”

**Galatians 2:2 (ESV)** 2 I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the **gospel (2098-evangelion)** that I **proclaim (2784-preach)** among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain.

**Colossians 1:23 (ESV)** 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the **gospel (2098-evangelion)** that you heard, which has been **proclaimed (2784-preached)** in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a **minister (1249-minister).**

**1 Thessalonians 2:9 (ESV)** 9 For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we **proclaimed (2784-preached)** to you the **gospel (2098-evangelion)** of God.

**2 Timothy 4:2 (ESV)** 2 **preach (2784-preach)** the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and **teaching (1322-teaching).**

**CONCLUSIONS**

* Preaching the gospel is an essential work of any church
* Preaching involves proclaiming, bringing glad tidings, preach fully, preach the good news (or the gospel), and to announce the word of God
* The Lord needs **preachers to lead** in spreading the good news
* Preaching can be done publically and privately
* The NT overwhelmingly emphasizes the need to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ
* We need to be continually developing preachers/evangelists
* We need to be thankful, encourage, and help the preachers/evangelists we have

**What about you this morning?**

Have you been taught the gospel and know you need to believe in the Lord Jesus, confess that He is the Son of God, repent or turn away from your sins and your life of sin, and be buried in the waters of baptism?

If you have been taught these things, why are you waiting (**Acts 22:16**)?

If we can help you now, please come forward while we stand and sing!