



A person is silhouetted against a sunset sky, standing on a mountain peak and looking out over a valley. The scene is framed by a white L-shaped border in the top-left and bottom-right corners. The text is overlaid on the image.

TURNING THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN

Acts 17

Powerful Preaching

- 2 Chron. 36:15 – 16 “The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent *word* to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place; but they *continually* mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, until there was no remedy.”



Ezra: Priest and Preacher

Nehemiah 8

Ezra 7:10

Ezra 9 - 10



Preaching: 2 Tim. 4:2 3 Components

Reprove

Rebuke

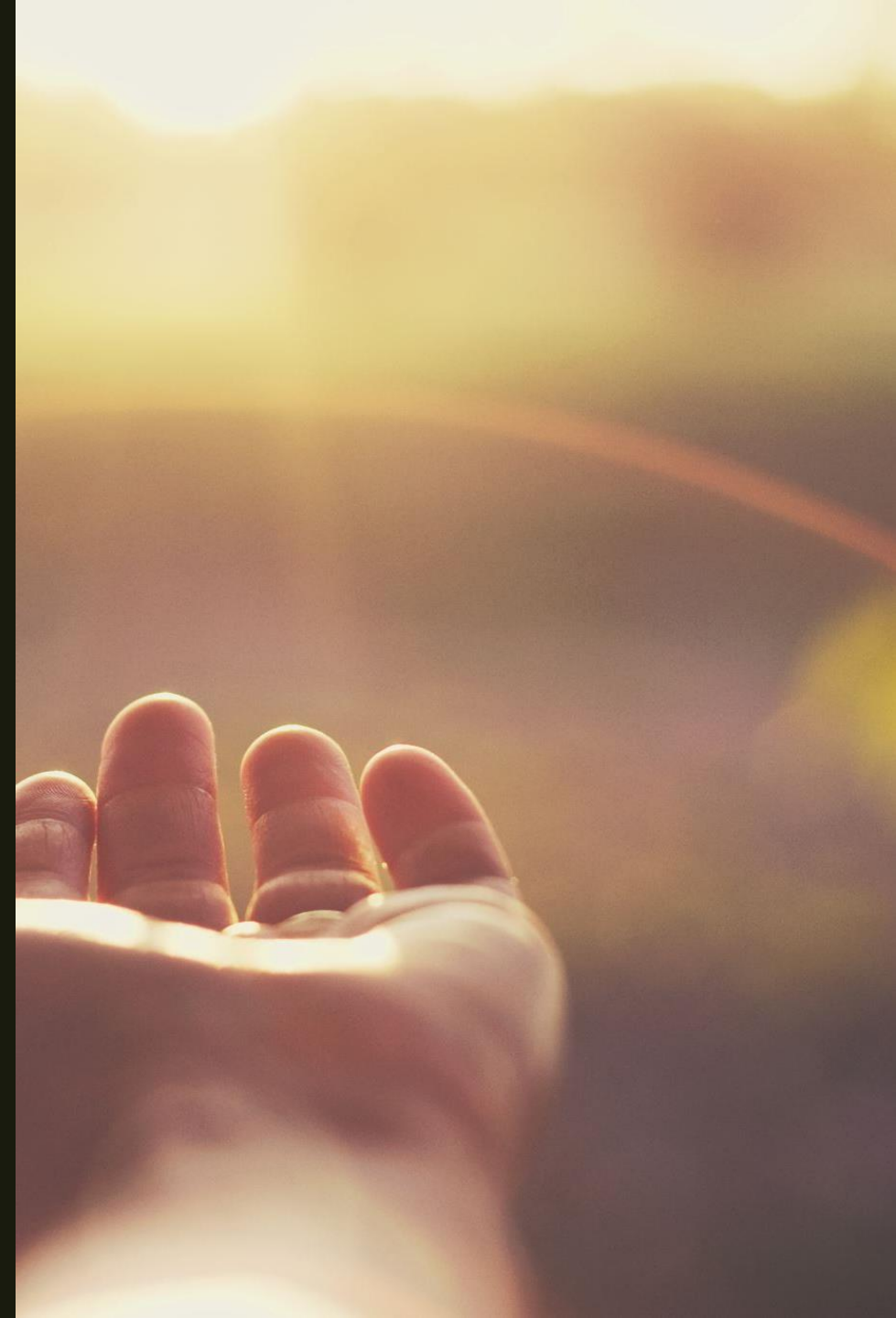
Exhort

Good Preaching: Storms the Will

- 2 Cor. 5:10 -11a " For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. 11Therefore, **knowing the fear of the Lord,** we persuade others."

Preaching: Unique in Three Ways

- Its origin is the revealed message and commands from God.
- Content of preaching centers on the person and work of Christ.
- Its purpose is to produce knowledge leading to faith that leads to “godliness.”



The Origen of Preaching: Revelation from God

- Titus 1:1 – 3
- “Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which **accords with godliness**, 2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began 3 and at the proper time **manifested in his word through the preaching** with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;”

The Origen of Preaching: Revelation from God

- Titus 1:1 – 3
- 1 Thess. 2:13 “And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the **word of God**, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the **word of God**, which is at work in you believers.”

Why Paul Preached?

- 1 Tim. 2:7 “For this I was appointed a **preacher** and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a **teacher** of the Gentiles in faith and truth.”
- 2 Tim. 1:11 “and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the **gospel**, for which I was appointed a **preacher and apostle and teacher,**”

Content: God's Message and God's Messiah

- Our Hope of Glory is "**Christ in you.**" (Col. 1:26- 28) "To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. 29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."



Purpose of Preaching

I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. (Rom. 1:14)

Rom 1:15 So I am **eager** to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

Rom 1:16 For I am **not ashamed** of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.



Preaching Jesus: Hearing a message

- Faith comes by hearing (Romans 10:17) Hearing what?
- Ephesians 4:17 - 24 "Truth in Jesus"
- (1 Cor.4:17) "That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church." (7:17)
- (1 Cor. 14:37) "the things that I write are the Lord's commandment."



Preaching Truth Revealed by Christ is a Priority

- Churches will protect the preacher and insist that he spend the necessary time exposing the text for the good of all the sheep.
- Churches grow when good food is delivered consistently in an appetizing way.
- Jesus is the source of eternal life to all who obey Him. Will you?

A person wearing a red coat is shown from the waist down, opening a vintage suitcase. The suitcase is light-colored with dark brown leather straps and buckles. The person's hands are visible as they lift the lid. The background is a soft, out-of-focus outdoor setting. The text "THANK YOU" is overlaid in the center in a white, sans-serif font. The image is framed by a white L-shaped graphic element in the top-left and bottom-right corners.

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