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Topic: A Study of Titus - Preach the Word!

Text: Titus 1:1-4

1. The focus of every church should be the preaching of God's Word. To preach means to openly herald a message from God. It has to be done with authority and boldness because this message comes from the Almighty God. This ministry of preaching is God's commission for the church. Lay church members may not preach on Sundays but they can do their part by being good witnesses for the Lord.
2. Paul sent Titus to the Cretians to declare to them that they needed to change their lifestyle. They lived in a way that is full of sin and wickedness. As children of God, they had to cease from such a lifestyle. Therefore, Titus had to preach to them God's Word in order that they know how to live in a way that pleases God.
3. The words that came from Titus' mouth was God's Word, which is absolute truth. Titus was a Gentile, but because of their common faith, Paul called him his spiritual son. As Titus had received salvation, he must likewise declare this universal salvation openly to all. The result of good preaching is genuine faith and eternal life. The true believers will display godliness and be like God in terms of His communicable attributes - i.e. love, holiness and justice.
4. One must not have an aversion to preaching. The church is not a place of entertainment but a place to declare God's Word. The solution to problems in life can be resolved by the preached Word of God.

*Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the (preached) word of God*