

Preach to the Ends of the Earth

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This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Mt. 24:14)

The establishment of the Apostolic Church carried the mission of Christ to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. This mission will be fulfilled with the abidance of God and the effort of man. In the end time, True Jesus Church shall preach the complete truth while waiting for the second coming of the Lord.

Both the workers and members of the Apostolic Church had a sense of responsibility to preach the gospel. For instance, Peter was the apostle who ministered to the Jews; he encountered persecution and was eventually martyred; on the other hand, Paul committed himself to be the apostle who preached the Gentile. All their actions were for the sake of the gospel; they sacrificed their freedom and rights so others could share in the blessings of the gospel (1 Cor 9). Even the trial of imprisonment could not lessen their joy that Christ was preached (Phil 1). Through the incident of Stephen's martyrdom, the believers were scattered and preached the word wherever they went, later establishing the church of Antioch (Acts 1:1-4). Thus we can see that the Apostolic Church was a church that preached the gospel. Under the leadership of the apostles, the gospel was spread throughout the land: After the churches in Jerusalem were established, members rapidly increased from the three thousands to five thousands. The church of Antioch became the primary location for preaching the gospel; many workers were sent out from there. Since the establishment of the church in Philippi, the gospel spread through the members' partnership in the gospel (Phil 1:5). Upon receiving the gospel, the church of Colosse grew and bore fruit (Col 1:6). The Lord's message rang out from the church in Thessalonica after they received the gospel amidst great trial.(1 Thess 1:8).

Today, True Jesus Church needs to once again revive the spirit of preaching. The TTP (Theological Training Program) and RE (Religious Education) system should give greater emphasis to this part of holy work. For example, before the TTP students graduate, they can volunteer in newly developed countries, which will broaden their horizons with regards to evangelical work. The church can even provide opportunities for college youths to join the service of preaching in foreign countries. Thus, every local church must have their own evangelical team to promote and plan for the works.

When Jesus first started preaching, the people were impressed with His authority. And they were astonished at His doctrine for he taught as one with authority and not as the scribes (Mk 1:22). They were amazed that even unclean spirits would listen to Him; therefore, His fame spread throughout all the regions. He took Simon's mother-in-law by her hand and immediately the fever left her. The next morning, His disciples went out to find Him when everyone was looking for Him, but He had already departed into a solitary place to pray before sunrise. To Him, a hidden life was His source of regaining strength. When He faced the crowd, this was how He was able to demonstrate His power and grace (Mk 1:27-35). Because disciple Peter was uneducated, everyone was

astonished that he was a follower of Jesus because they could see Jesus' authority in Peter's servitude. Paul left traces of great power in the places he passed by. To the rebellious, this man was pest, an instigator of sedition among the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes (Acts 24:4-5). Yet to God's chosen people, Paul brought an abundance of grace and truth.

The True Church is the body of Christ. Church needs to have the fullness of Christ's power, so that man's effort will come to fruition. The church needs to be pure and the workers need to be filled with the Holy Spirit, so that the spirit of God can be present in the church. Every church needs to cultivate a spirit of prayer in order for the holy work to prosper. Every worker needs to have a life of separation from the world in order to receive power from God and complete the entrusted work.

"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase" (1 Cor 3:6).

We need to do our best in holy work. At the same time, we need to ask for God's abidance so that there will be good results that glorify God's name.