

Daily Devotion For October 4, 2021

“For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

Yesterday in my daily devotion I wrote about “**Preaching To The Choir**”. Preaching to the choir usually means preaching to those who already agree with you or who are already active in the life of the church. Each Sunday, people come to church to hear a message that has been prepared and preached. However, one of the most neglected forms of preaching is also one of the most powerful, and that is the **preaching to ourselves**.

By "preaching to ourselves" I mean the discipline of intense Biblical meditation; reading, dwelling on, and applying the truths of Scripture to our own lives that leads to a deepening love of God, hatred of sin, and faith in Jesus Christ.

When I was in seminary, my preaching professor said that often times when you are in the pulpit, you are not telling the congregation anything new, you are simply reminding them of things they already know. The well-known and popular pastor John Piper says that we should preach the gospel to ourselves every day. The gospel is what makes and sustains us as Christians. The gospel is our hope and it is the message that we need to hear the most. The message that we are reconciled to God and one another by faith alone in Jesus Christ. Jesus died to pay the penalty for our sins. All preaching should lead to the person and work of Jesus.

**Thought For Today:** Take time today to preach the gospel to yourself. Remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus is for you personally. The Good news of the gospel is “For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

**Today’s Prayer Focus:** Thank God for the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray that God will deepen your love for him, teach you to hate sin, and grow you in faith in Christ alone. Review the updated prayer fuel. Deo Volente.