

## Holy Spirit Filled Preaching

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It's obvious that Holy Spirit preaching comes from Holy Spirit Filled pastors and preachers. It goes without saying that not all preaching is Holy Spirit filled but much has been done in the flesh. There is no comparison when we hear from one filled with the Holy Spirit verses one filled with the flesh or self. One will bring Holy Spirit results and the other will bring what a man can produce.

To be politically incorrect but Biblically accurate there is no Holy Spirit filled women pastors or preachers (2Tim.3:1-2). This is not to say that a woman can't be filled with the Holy Spirit for many are and what a testimony they have for Christ. This will not set well on facebook but the scriptures say that a woman should not “usurp authority over the man” usurp is to “dominate over the man” (1Tim.2:12). There is a lot more that could be said here but let's just keep it simple, Holy Spirit preaching is done through God's men.

Every true pastor and preacher of the gospel really desires and wants to make sure that his preaching is Holy Spirit filled. The pastor or preacher that doesn't care or is aware of how he is preaching should go back and study the art and science of how to preaching (homiletics). Sometimes a dull tool needs sharpening. One of the first things that a pastor or preacher should learn is that he must have the Holy Spirit's filling when he preaches. Along with prayer, study and hard work the preacher must be Holy Spirit filled. This is done by faith in yielding our preaching to the Holy Spirit alone.

What a blessing to hear from God through a Holy Spirit filled pastor or preacher that is led and empowered by the Spirit of God. It's not about the pastor or preacher but it's all about our Lord Jesus that he is preaching about. (2 Cor. 4:5) “For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.” A pastor or preacher that is filled with the Holy Spirit will always lift up Christ, for that is what the Holy Spirit does every time.

In our day of so much confusion about what is Holy Spirit filled preaching we need to be clear of what it truly is or is not. Even in our IBC's there may be a question on what true Holy Spirit filled preaching sounds like or maybe what it doesn't. Every pastor or preacher should be willing to increase his willingness to be always filled with the Holy Spirit every time he preaches. This may take a willingness to change or learn something that he has been or not been doing in the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is willing, are we? Have a great Lord's Day and preach the word filled with the Holy Spirit.

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### Holy Spirit Preaching is Preaching Jesus

**(1 Cor. 1:23)** “But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;” **(2 Cor. 4:5)** “For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

Today there is much preaching about a lot of things, subjects, programs, traditions, points of view and the list could go on. But the idea of preaching in the Holy Spirit will always bring us back to preaching Jesus. This is not to say that there aren't other things to be preached, but we need to always include Jesus into our preaching. Intertwined into every preaching message Jesus needs to be drawn in and lifted up. This is what the Holy Spirit's ministry does in every area of a Spirit filled believer.

Sometimes the preaching gets distracted by current issues of the day or months and the preaching of Jesus gets put out of the message. With all good intentions some will get off the main subject that Holy Spirit filled preaching is all about and that's preaching Jesus. **(Colo. 1:18)** “And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.” You probably heard the saying “keep the main thing, the main thing” and preaching Jesus is our main subject.

True Holy Spirit preaching will always include preaching Jesus as Christ the anointed one sent from God the Father or in other words the Messiah. Jesus is the one who has come to give us salvation by faith through grace in trusting Jesus Christ as our personal savior. Also Holy Spirit preaching will include preaching Jesus as Lord meaning master, controller and one with supreme authority. Many people don't like this kind of preaching but if it's Holy Spirit preaching this fact that Jesus is Lord will be proclaimed.

This preaching of Jesus will still be a “stumblingblock” to some and “foolishness” to others even today and maybe now more than ever. But to us who believe it is still the “power of God unto salvation” and true Holy Spirit preaching will reach the lost and revive the saved. Keep preaching Jesus, that's what the Holy Spirit wants people to hear. Let's keep preaching Jesus more than anything or anyone else in our pulpits.

Have a great and godly week and Lord's day.

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### Holy Spirit Preaching is Preaching Scripturally

(2 Peter 1:19-21) “We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.”

Truly Holy Spirit filled preaching will be full of scripture throughout the preachers message to the church. There is a balanced and certainly a reasonable way in the amount of the use of scripture in any sermon. Faith comes by the word of God not through the reasoning of men. No amount of content, large or little can make up for the use and working of scripture in a message to any churches congregation.

Our Lord was always referring to scriptures when He preached and taught the people. (John 2:22) “When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.” We know for sure that Jesus was “full of the Holy Ghost” and spoke in the power of the Holy Spirit using the scriptures. (Luke 24:27, 32, 45) “And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures? Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,” If our Lord used the scriptures so much then certainly every pastor and preacher should make use of them as much as possible in their preaching.

It shouldn't be “what saith the preacher” but what saith the scripture” (Rom. 4:3a)? Our faith is founded on what the scriptures say about Jesus Christ who is able to give eternal life to all that believe on Him as their savior. (John 5:39) “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.” Preaching that is Holy Spirit filled is using the Word of God for the most part and letting the Holy Spirit do His work. The Holy Spirit knows just how to use the scriptures to convict, convince and challenge people in the things of God.

A preacher can't go wrong if he preaches the word of God both in season and out of season (2Tim.4:2). May a preacher be guilty of using too much rather than too little scripture in his messages. Have a great and blessed Lord's day!

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### **Holy Spirit Preaching is Preaching Boldly**

**(Pro. 29:25)** “The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.” **(John 7:26)** “But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ?”

In preaching boldly, I'm not talking about preaching loud, hard, mean or intimidating preaching to the church. The Holy Spirit is not in any of those things and the results will be people reacting in the flesh, because this type of preaching is fleshly. A preacher can preach boldly in the flesh just as much as he can in the Holy Spirit, it is up to the preacher. There are times that a preacher may get in the flesh while he is preaching but immediately recognizes it and seeks to be filled again to have the Holy Spirit's control and power.

Bold can have many meanings both positive and negative and therefore have different outcomes in how one comes across to others by their actions and attitudes. When Jesus preached He was always filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke with boldness to the people - (John7:26). But His love for them was always coming through His boldness and the people saw His concern and care for them.

The apostle Paul after his salvation was filled with the Holy Spirit and started preaching boldly to the Jews and any others that would hear him - (Acts 9:17-29). He also asked for prayer that he would speak the word boldly - (Eph. 6:19-20) “And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”

Timothy was probably somewhat timid in his personality and his actions and Paul saw that he needed encouragement to engage the ministry with boldness – (2Tim.4:1-4). Preaching in the Holy Spirit will be preaching brave but not with brazenness, courageous but not contentious, confident but not intentionally causing conflict, forthright but not a fighting spirit. When preaching in the Holy Spirit there will be a challenge to some, encouragement to others and conviction to many, but all will be done from a right spirit of love from the preacher – (Eph.4:15 / 5:9). Every preacher needs to learn to speak the word with boldness but always in the filling of the Holy Spirit which always brings the right results for the glory of Christ and the benefit of the church. Have a great Lord's day and may we preach boldly in the Spirit!

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### Holy Spirit Preaching is Preaching Prayerfully and Carefully

(Eph. 6:18-20) “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”

There is always a balance in relationship to preaching and prayer that the word of God and the messenger of God are speaking to the people of God as they “ought to speak”. This comes from the right balance in preparation and priority studying and praying for the message that the Holy Spirit wants the people of God to hear. Study without prayer tends to lead to intellectual knowledge without dependence upon God. Then on the other hand prayer without study tends to lead to emotional response without any foundation. Both study and prayer are needed for the preacher to be used by the Holy Spirit to speak as they ought to speak or speaking carefully.

With the right amount of prayer invested with study the Holy Spirit will guide the preacher in the things he ought to say to the people of God as well as the lost. In sermon preparation our praying is vitally important to get our hearts attuned to what the Holy Spirit has to say to us first, the messenger. If our praying is off then our study will be off as well. A preacher can be doctrinally correct but he can preach with a wrong spirit because of a poor or totally absent prayer life.

There are some that have very little of either, prayer or study in their sermon preparation and then wonder why the Holy Spirit is not moving in the church. Some preachers surely preach the word but not out of a heart of prayerful concern for those who hear it. Their words (not God’s word) come across as hard, harsh, stern and with a bad attitude from one who has a bone to pick with someone. (Pro. 23:16) “Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things. (Isaiah 50:4) “The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him that is weary*: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned. Sometimes Holy Spirit preaching may come across as being hard to those that are in the flesh, but preaching should never come across without love.

The preacher should make sure that his preaching is both prayerful and carefully sought unto the Lord so that the Holy Spirit can use the message to touch the heart of those that hear. We just need to get and keep a good balance in our preaching and make sure that it is always from the Holy Spirit. Have a great Lord’s Day!

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