

Hard Preaching without Compromise

Scripture is: 2 Timothy 4:1-5

INTRODUCTION: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY ABOUT PREACHING.

Without Compromise.

We'll turn with me to 2 Timothy 4 and let's see what the bible has to say.

2 Timothy 4:1-5

¹ I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

1. Why do we need hard preaching?
2. Because we don't get it anymore. No one in the churches wants to preach on it anymore. Because it's unpopular, and drives people away.

But look what the bible says about how the minister of God needs to preach.

Firstly preaching hard is not optional. Preaching this way is not an option for the preacher.

1. Look what the scripture says. **¹ I charge thee .** I charge you therefore Timothy.....this was not a request, it was a command. It was not an optional choice.
2. This is an instruction, and more than that it was saying to Timothy...**"I order you"**. The word charge also means if you look it up in the dictionary says "lay the blame on".....This word charge is a word that carries with it the full force of laying the blame on Timothy to **"Preach the word"**
3. The charge is laid on Timothy to preach as in the presence and witness **before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ.**
4. This command for Timothy to preach the word of Truth was to be carried out as if God the Father and the Lord Jesus were physically standing in his presence and being a witness to that preaching of the word.
5. So the word "Charge" is a big deal here. Because it is God **who shall judge both the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom.**
6. It is God who will judge both the saved and the unsaved by his word.
7. Therefore Timothy "I charge thee to preach the word" and only his word.
 - But oh no.....that's not the case for many churches and many preachers today.
 - They want to preach to see that the people increase in their congregation at any cost, and even to the cost of God's word.
 - They want to preach what the **people want to hear** so that they can keep the people in their church and an increase in numbers translates for them and increase in finances for the church.
 - **So what do you think they are going to preach?**

² Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

1. But what did Paul tell Timothy in his letter here.

2. He told Timothy to ²**Preach the word.** That's all Timothy was told to do. He was not told to add or embellish the word of God, but just to preach the word as it is.
3. He was also told to **be instant in season, out of season.**
 - a) In season is when the people don't mind hearing the truth when you are preaching positive messages.
 - b) But out of season is when the people get upset when you are preaching the truth and standing on their sin.
4. Sometimes you will be popular when you preach, other times when you are preaching against sin you will become very unpopular. This is out of season preaching, what people don't want to hear.
5. Out of season people don't want to hear the truth.

But hang on....what were the first words from the lips of Paul to Timothy in his letter. It was a Charge to Preach the word.

So preaching the Word of God is only what is important.....not the words of man.

1. Timothy was told to **reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.**
6. Preaching is to reprove. (or scold, or take to task). So when Timothy was told to preach the word he was told to **reprove** the people he was preaching to.
7. So even today we see that all scripture is still for us today. Both to reprove and exhort. Not just to make us feel good of ourselves. It is to show how that we continue to fall short of the glory of God.

2 Timothy 3:16

All **scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

8. Timothy was told to also **rebuke** (or scold or reprimand) those that he preached to by preaching these harsh words to them. So that those who were out of season, or favour of the gospel would turn back to God by the preaching of his word.
9. But at the same time Paul told Timothy that whilst preaching these hard words he was to **exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.** Which meant he was to be firm in the preaching of God's word with no compromise whilst at the same time encouraging those who repented and who turned back to God by the Word.
 - i. We are to: Reprove rebuke resort.
 - ii. We are to tell (preach) them they are wrong.
 - iii. The word Doctrine is the teaching of the bible.

But yet, there are preachers today and many churches today, whether they are the mega churches or even Baptist church's today, who will simply not preach hard things to their congregation.

- Instead they will tell the people what they want to hear.....long before they even prepared their message.

1. They will be “Teaching and preaching to their own desires”.
2. Telling the congregation “What they want to hear”.
3. To Tell them what they wanted to hear, because that is why they came in the first place to that church.
4. They will seek out a place or church to their taste instead of what does God say. They will say?..... “Where can I go to feel good”.
5. But if we are to please God, then we need to hear what the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy about preaching the Word.

So what did the apostle Paul say.....I command you to preach the WORD.

- **Preachers should NOT “gear” themselves to what the people want to hear.**

With the New ecumenical movement churches before they even open a church in an area will go around to the community and try to find out what they want in a church, before they even opened a church in that area. They would take a consensus for things like.

- What type of preaching do you want to hear?
- How do you want the pastor to dress?
- What we don't like to hear from the pulpit?

³ **For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;**

1. As Timothy was taught, there will come a time when they will not endure sound doctrine.
2. They will not like to hear what God has to say from the Pulpit instead they will want to hear smooth preaching, which is lies and deceits being preached from the pulpit.
3. Instead of listening to “thus saith the Lord”, they want to hear what “saith the preacher” about soothing their soul.
4. But the bible warns of those men who preach deceit to their congregation.

Luke 6:26 Woe unto you, when all men shall **speak well of you!** for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

1. The word Paul used to warn Timothy about the approaching days of deceits was the word endure. That there would come a time in which, **the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine;**
2. When their lusts will overcome them and **after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;**
3. They will want teachers to engage with teachers having the same way of thinking as they have. That is why the scripture says here that they will heap to themselves **TEACHERS HAVING ITCHING EARS!**
 - In other words they will want to go to churches where the hard preaching against sin does not exist, and they will want to be in a place that does not stand on their toes, does not convict their heart of sin, does not tell them what is right or wrong and does not rebuke or reprove them in any way but helps soothe their itching ears to make them feel good.

- THAT'S NOT TRUTH MY FRIEND. AND THAT'S NOT WHAT GOD WANTS THE PREACHER TO PREACH!

Isaiah 30: 8-13 ff.....said it is a wicked and adulterous generations that says this. A smooth sermon is a lying sermon. None of the OT prophets were smooth in their preaching.

Isaiah 30:8-13 ⁸ Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: ⁹ That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD:

¹⁰ Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits:

¹¹ Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us. ¹² Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon:

¹³ Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.

1. They would rather hear fables and lies than hear the truth.
 2. Well.....A smooth sermon is a lying sermon my friend.....
 3. Isaiah was not smooth, Elijah was not smooth, John the Baptist was not smooth, Jeremiah was not smooth Jesus was not smooth. None of them were smooth.
 4. That's why the bible here is telling us that smooth preaching is lying preaching.
 5. That's why Isaiah said in verse 13, this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall. This is applicable to all nations today.
- But Paul said to Timothy preach the word. Which means we have to preach the word of God whether it be positive or negative.
 - a) We need to preach negative sermons as well as positive ones.
 - In the book of Leviticus we see more negative sermons than positive ones when God is giving instructions to his prophets.
 - 6. But in contrast people only want to hear positive sermons that lift them up..... But are we not supposed to lift the Lord up and then he will lift us up in return?

Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

- The effects of not preaching negatively and hard against sin has caused our nations and other nations to be in the state that they are in today.
- God said in the scriptures that **if they** would turn to me then I would heal them.....

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

- But that is not the case today. So why should God heal our land...

- If just the Christians would hear Gods word and turn to Him today, he would heal their land. But sadly they are not turning to God; instead they are turning to fables and lies and weak preaching.
- **Because there is virtually no preaching on sin in a lot of churches today.**

6. You see the bible (KJV) in our text in verse 3, said that **because of their own lusts** will **they heap** unto themselves **teachers having itching ears**. So it is because of lust that the people will turn away from the truth, to go to preachers that prophesy not the truth of God.
7. That is why many people go to a church because they feel comfortable for the wrong reasons. They need to go to a church where they feel convicted because that is when the Holy Spirit is placing them under conviction of God's word to change their lives and to be conformed to his image and NOT TO THE IMAGE of the preacher.

⁴And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

1. There is a great building up of wickedness today.....where the churches have turned away from Gods word to NOT preach the whole council of God's word, to preach only those things that make the people feel good.
 - People will come to church not to hear what the preacher has to say from the bible but what they want to hear instead are things that will make them feel good.
2. There are plenty of churches out there that will simply give the people what they want to hear.
 - People we are not to feel good, in Gods house, we are to feel convicted by the Spirit of God to change us into his image.
3. Timothy was warned that the people.... **they shall turn away their ears from the truth.** That the people would dictate to the preacher not to be so hard on the truth.
4. That they would turn away their ears from the truth.....
5. And that they would rather hear what is good for them than that which is truth.
6. Folks this is what the bible calls fables. These are not true things, but just make you feel as if you are worshipping God. The truth of God has been changed, **and shall be turned unto fables.** *(a lie or a story book).*
7. Timothy called these things fables. Because they were not from Gods word.

⁵But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

- The man of God is called to watch. What is he to watch?
 - Well he is to watch and to make sure truth comes out of his mouth.
1. To watch that in all things he is preaching the truth and hearing the truth.

2. Because when you preach the truth Paul told Timothy you will be afflicted. People will hate you because you are preaching the word. They will despise you and call you nasty names and say that you are unloving.
3. And they will even say, things like if Jesus was here he would not say the things you are saying?
4. Therefore Timothy? **watch thou in all things.** Endure the afflictions that will come your way from others because of the truth?
5. But, and only but..... **do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.**
6. The work of an evangelist, is what Paul started out by telling Timothy. “Preach the word”.
7. To make your ministry the proof of the gospel. Is the truth only.
8. To **make full proof of thy ministry.** This is to declare the death burial and resurrection of Jesus. That’s the full proof of our ministry.
 - ❖ Without hard preaching on the truth, children will grow up thinking that it is ok to offend God, and therefore what will be their motivation to serve him.
 - **Now here are 4 points to measure hard preaching.**

1. Hard preaching is Bold preaching .

1. It is preaching that is in the spirit.
2. All things are to be preached.
3. Holding back on scripture is not preaching a bold sermon. And it is holding back the power of God.
- ❖ **Acts 4:31**³¹ And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and **they spake the word of God with boldness.**

2. Hard preaching is Not vague preaching. But being specific in mentioning sins.

- ❖ **Acts 20:20**²⁰ And **how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you**, but have shewed you, and **have taught you publicly**, and from house to house,
 - **Isaiah 58:1** Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and **shew my people their transgression**, and the house of Jacob **their sins.**

3. Hard Preaching is preaching that’s heavy on bible verses.

4. Hard Preaching is what names the names of false teachers. – the false prophets and false teachers need to be mentioned and called out.

The Bible called out the false preachers and teachers by name.

- ❖ **2 Timothy 1:15**¹⁵ This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are **Phygellus and Hermogenes.**
- ❖ **3 John 1:9** I wrote unto the church: but **Diotrephes**, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.
- ✓ But today’s Preachers will not even want to talk out against false teachers.
- ✓ Like Joel Olsten, or Billy Graham, Rick Warren, Joyce Meyers, Kenneth Copland and his wife Gloria, Paul Washer, TD Jakes, John Hagee and many many more.

- Now that we are still on the subject of preaching the Word of God. We need to also point out many unscriptural uses of God's Word.
- By this I mean woman preachers in the church itself calling themselves pastors.

Woman Preachers in the church.

All Scripture is KJV: 1 Timothy 2:11-14

1 Timothy 2:11-14 ¹¹ Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. ¹² But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. ¹³ For Adam was first formed, then Eve. ¹⁴ And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

- This verse strongly deals with the subject of "Woman Preachers" in the church.

Well today there is an overall trend for more and more woman becoming pastors and preachers and teachers in the pulpits all over the world today simply ignoring what the scriptures say to place themselves into those positions.

- And the reason why I think this has become so prevalent today is because of our cultures today, where society has more and more blurred the line between men and woman. Where the roles of men are being taken over by woman and the roles of woman are being taken over by men, and this is not Gods plan nor his will that they should do that.

God has designed them to be different from the very beginning. He designed them as distinctly male and female.

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; **male and female** created he them.

And that is why he even said that they should not dress the same, but that men should dress like men, and woman should dress like woman.

God has made male and female to be different. So that they could bare children.

Matthew 19:3-4 ³ The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? ⁴ And he answered and said unto them, **Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,**

- That's why he said our clothing should be different. That's why he said our hair should be different.
- Men and woman are to live different life styles.
- It is not that men are better than woman, because they are not.
- It's not that men have a greater value than woman, they don't.

It's just that God wants them to be different, because they are created differently.

Woman have different roles to play in society, they have different roles to play in the family and they have different roles to play in the church.

1. And we should not tell woman to be like men in order to have the same values as men. But we need to tell them that they can have the same value as men, just by being ladies.
2. So why on earth does society say that woman should act like men, and dress like men to have the same value as men.

3. Whereas ladies can have the same value as men by just being ladies.
4. But as society says no; woman need to dress like men, act like men, shave their hair like men, and act like men, then they will overcome feminism.
5. What in fact they are teaching the ladies to be is not to be feminist, but to be masculine.
 - You can be just as valuable as men, by just being a lady. You don't have to become like men to have valuable, No.
 - All you have to be is a lady, to be equal value with men.
 - It is a bazaar teaching that society says that in order to reach your full potential you have to dress and be like a man.
 - You have to go to work to be like a man, to be equal value with a man. (How is that feminist? when you dressing like a man?)
 - What it is teaching is that in order for woman to be like men they have to become men.

This has led to a rise in society of woman taking over the roles of men in all spheres of society, and in the process it has destroyed both families and relationships with their spouses.

- Don't get me wrong I am not against woman working, or against them supporting their families, but what I am saying is that because of society, and woman giving in to society it has become a norm for woman to go out and work.
- Gone are the days when the parent's responsibilities were to see their daughters marry and start a family which the Lord had ordained.
- But because of the pressure from all society it has become a normal thing to do, to not get married, not raise a family and not be a support to a Godly husband.

So this has even spread into the churches today.

1. Today over 50% of the United Methodist church pastors are Woman?
2. Even in Brazil the main Baptist denominations are ordaining woman to be pastors?

Famous woman preachers like Joyce Meyers and Gloria Copeland and Victoria Osteen and many more, have elevated their positions to be these famous woman preachers. And they come into the church today and preach their messages in the church.

- Is it biblical what they are doing? NO.
- Well what does the bible have to say about them?
- ✓ And by the way, before I even begin I just want to remind you that I am not the author of the bible, just so you know that.
- ✓ God is the author of the bible.
- ✓ He is the author and he is the one who is going to tell us about whether or not **HE** allows or sanctions a woman to preach in the church?
- So don't be mad at me when you hear what the bible has to say.
- Be mad at God if you don't agree.
- ✓ It's funny how when I preach these messages that when people don't agree they get mad at me.

But look what the bible says. **1 Thessalonians 4:8** ⁸ **He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God,** who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

- So Now - Turn to the scriptures of 1 Timothy 2:11. Look what the bible says.

1 Timothy 2:11-15 - ¹¹ **Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.**

¹² **But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.**

- ✓ There are four commandments that the apostle Paul is telling us here in 1 Timothy 2:11. Firstly
 1. I suffer not a woman to teach
 2. nor to usurp authority over the man
 3. but to be in silence.
 4. They are to be under obedience
- ✓ Therefore I ask you, how is it that all four of these commandments from the Apostle Paul are ignored today by woman preachers?
- ✓ How is it that they can come away from the scriptures and go against, and do exactly the opposite of what the apostle Paul is teaching?
- ✓ How is it that they can turn what God said, into a lie, and do the exact opposite?

Question: Well maybe you say it was not talking about woman in the church? You may think that he was talking about other situations.

- ✓ Well as you turn to 1 Corinthians 14, I will tell you later on what situations are appropriate for a woman to preach or to teach or to prophesy, but we know it is definitely not in the church.

1 Corinthians 14:34-35 ³⁴ **Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak;** but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law.

³⁵ **And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.**

- ✓ Is it not strange or weird that we have such clear scripture telling us that it is not permitted for a woman to speak in the church? But...
- ✓ Yet you will get these institutions that will advertise and train woman so that they can become pastors and teachers in the churches.

Question: And why do these seminaries even exist to train up woman to be preachers.

Answer: The answer is that there is a need because liberal churches have encouraged the growth of it. It has become for them an avenue of revenue to train up woman because men have not come forward to honor God.

- ✓ But does that make it right? For woman to stand in the pulpit of God? And preach?

A. And so what does the bible have to say about this?

B. **It says that woman are to keep silent in the church.**

1. I have heard people argue or want to debate the point about what do you think about woman preachers in the church?

2. And they will say that they are doing such a good job, and that we should leave them alone.
3. And they will say, they don't see anything wrong with woman preachers.
4. And they will say that we should not come down on them.
5. And that we should not be so hard on them. That after all they doing God's work?

No wait. The bible is quite clear and very very specific on this matter. It says they are not permitted to speak in the churches. They are to keep silent in the churches. There is no debate whether they can preach in the church?

➤ **What part of NOT do they NOT understand?**

- Four times they are told they cannot preach in the church. In fact they are told to keep quiet. That means that they are not even to ask anything during the service when the church has convened. That means when it's time for the preaching of God's word to take place, they are to keep silent.
 - They are also told to be under obedience. Does that sound like that they should be the leader? Leading the church? No.
1. Remember the church is not the building.
 2. The church is when the congregation of Gods people are gathered together in the assembly.
 3. The church is the assembly of Gods people when they come together; that is constituted as the church.
 4. It is when the people have come together and the message of God is to be presented to the people. It is the time of "learning", that's when the bible says they are to keep silent.
 - But obviously when we are all singing praises to God, in Psalms and Hymns and spiritual songs, that's not the time of learning.
 - This is when everyone including the ladies are to lift up their voices unto God and sing these glorious praises unto his name. But when it is time for **"learning"** verse 35, they are to keep quiet. Can you see the difference there?
- ❖ You see when 1 Corinthians 14:35 says, **35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home:**
 - ❖ It is speaking of when the learning or message is being preached. They are to **"keep silence"** during this time when the learning is taking place.
 - ❖ So is it not very clear as to who should be speaking in the pulpit of God?
 - ❖ Because the end of verse 35, says - **for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.**
 - Without a doubt this shows who should be speaking in the church and it certainly it is not a woman preacher.
 - ❖ The woman are told in verse 34 to also **"be under obedience"**. Does that sound like they are to be in charge?
- This whole passage of 1 Corinthians 14 is all about keeping the order in Gods church.

This is not putting woman down as I said before, but if we are to be true to scripture then we have to follow what the bible says, what scripture says. But again it's not

coming down on woman at all; it's merely stating what should take place within the church during the learning or preaching time.

Even if a woman has a question, the bible says, that they are not speak in church but to wait until they get home before they ask those questions.

- And here is the answer **“that if they will learn anything”**
- But it is also quiet clear from other scriptures that a pastor must be a husband of one wife. And thats also not one wife at a time by the way.

1 Timothy 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the **husband of one wife**, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

- Likewise the bible says, that even the deacons, must be the husband of one wife to assume the office of a deacon. So clearly there is no position of leadership for a woman in the church.

1 Timothy 3:12 Let the deacons be the **husbands of one wife**, ruling their children and their own houses well.

Titus 1:5-7 ⁵ For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and **ordain elders in every city**, as I had appointed thee: ⁶ **If any be blameless, the husband of one wife**, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. ⁷ For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

⁹ Holding fast the faithful word **as he hath been taught**, that **he** may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

- It is clear from the scriptures that the pastor is a **HE** not a **SHE**.
- ❖ **Ok, so how do these woman preachers like Joyce Meyers, and Gloria Copeland, and Victoria Osteen, justify that they can be woman preachers.**
- ✓ Well I heard several woman preachers arguments that go like this. Look at 1 Corinthians 14:34 again with me. At the last part of the sentence.

1 Corinthians 14:34 ³⁴ Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also **saith the law**.

- ✓ So they will look at **“saith the law”** and say well you see that was talking about the law at the time. The law of the government. The law at Corinth.
- ✓ Even if that was the case there is still no justification because read with me again clearly this time? Look what the scripture is actually saying?
- ✓ The part of the scripture they are using to support their justification would not make any difference because that would just mean that the law also agreed with what the rest of the scripture said? - **but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law**.
- ✓ That would then simply mean that the law also agreed with the scripture.
- ✓ So no, they lose; the scripture does not support their theory or justification either.

What about **Revelation 2:20**. Let's go there. The Lord is speaking here.

²⁰ Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because **thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach** and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

- ✓ Was that not the exact same words that Paul used in 1 Timothy 2: **12 But I suffer not a woman to teach.**

So clearly we see that even the Lord did not want woman to preach in the church at Thyatira.

But is there a place where a woman can teach or preach.

The answer to that is yes. But we know that it is not in the church.

Look at Acts Chapter 2. This was on the day of Pentecost.

The bible says that it was both men and woman who went out into Jerusalem and preached the word of God. But it was not in the assembled church.

This was the time when God poured out his spirit upon the people who were filled with the Holy Ghost and they went out and preached to the people in the streets of Jerusalem, and the bible says that they preached in more than eleven languages that the people from everywhere were able to hear and understand the word of the Lord being preached.

- ✓ This was in the streets of Jerusalem unto crowds of people who had gathered to hear them speak and this was not the assembled church coming together.
- ✓ So when we read Acts 2 we get the full account of the men and the woman preaching in the streets of Jerusalem. It was not as the church listening to a pastor.

Acts 2 ¹ And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

⁶ Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

⁷ And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? ⁸ And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? ⁹ Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

¹⁰ Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

¹² And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? ¹³ Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: ¹⁵ For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ **But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;**

¹⁷ **And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:**

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: ¹⁹ And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: ²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come:

21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. ²² Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: ²³ Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: ²⁴ Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

- ✓ A 120 people preached that day, because we hear of all the people hearing the message in their own language.

I have heard of interpreters in church interpreting what the pastor is saying when he is preaching to people of another language. But how would it be possible to have at least 11 interpreters all interpreting at the same time.

- ✓ So it had to be 120 people preaching to all those people in their own language as the bible rightly says they did.
- ✓ Some people make the mistake of saying that Peter got up to preach and 3000 people got saved that day.
- ✓ No that's not true, because they all preached and they all heard the word of the Lord in their own language and that's how 3000 people got saved.
- ✓ They all preached the word of the Lord, it was Peter who only gave the call to them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ now that they had heard the word of God, and in Acts 2:38-41 the rest is history for us.

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

- ✓ It was 120 people that preached and 3000 souls got saved as the bible says it was. That's the point of salvation, it says that their soul was saved.
- ✓ Which also confirms that once saved always saved. As I previously preached, the spirit is redeemed, but the flesh is still the old mans flesh until death.
- ❖ **But so remember that this took place in the streets of Jerusalem.**
- ❖ **This was not in the assembled church.**
- ❖ **This was not pastoring, this was soul wining outside of the church.**
- ✓ **So street preaching ladies – is ok.**
- ✓ If you want to preach ladies then go out into the highways and the hedges and preach to the lost and compel them to come into the house of the Lord.
- ✓ Ladies go out and be involved in soul wining. This is the correct biblical model that the Lord gives to you as well as to the men.

Luke 14:23

And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the **highways and hedges**, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

- ✓ But woman preaching in the church God said is not allowed.
- ✓ Woman are not to usurp their authority over any man in the church. But to do street preaching, or soul wining house to house is permitted.

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