

Text: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Introduction:

1. Q.A. – their job is to report trouble.
2. Our job as Christians is to warn, teach, and inform others of God’s truth.

Proposition: We must preach the word for the sake of the lost.

Interrogative: Why be so zealous?

**-- We preach the word to the lost because... --**

**I. THEY WILL FACE JUDGMENT – vs. 1-2**

- A. EVERYONE WILL FACE JUDGMENT
1. Both the living and the dead –vs. 1
  2. Everyone will appear in Judgment -2 Co 5:9-11
  3. The atheist who deceives himself –Ph 2:9-11
- B. WE THEREFORE PREACH
1. We know the “terror of the Lord” -2Co 5:11
  2. We preach “in season and out of season” -2Ti 4:2

**II. THEY WILL TURN FROM TRUTH – vs. 3-4**

- A. THEY WILL NOT ENDURE TRUTH
1. They will find their own teachers to tell them what they want to hear.
  2. Like Ahab – 2Chr 18:7
- B. TIMES HAVE NOT CHANGED
1. Many desire to do what feels good / right
  2. Without truth, they are slave of sin – Jn 8:34

**III. THEY WILL MISS HEAVEN – vs. 5-8**

- A. TIMOTHY’S RESPONSE
1. Be watchful and endure
  2. Do the work of an evangelist and fulfill ministry.
- B. CROWN OF LIFE
1. Paul is ready to depart – vs. 6-7
  2. The crown of life is for him & those who love the appearing of Christ – vs. 8

Today we continue to preach the word of God because...

1. Certain Judgment is coming,
2. Souls will be lost without the blood of Christ, &
3. Souls will miss heaven if they remain under the delusion of the devil.