

# Let the Church Arise: Proclaim the Word

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## 2 Timothy 4:1-5

1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage — with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

What does the Church have that the world needs?

## 1. JESUS IS THE INCARNATE WORD OF GOD

Incarnate: Embodied in flesh, in human form

### John 1:1-5, 14, 17

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

## 2. THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD

### 2 Timothy 3:14-17

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

## 3. THE HOLY SPIRIT ILLUMINATES THE WORD OF GOD

The Bible is “twice inspired”.

Once when it was written. And again when we read it.

### John 16:13

[Jesus said] “... when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth...”