



What enables us to go from wishful thinking to biblical hope is the **promise** of God. When God says something is going to happen, it is going to happen.

Not only is eternal life – the hope of being right with God now and forever – the heart of the **gospel**, that hope and all that goes with it are the **motivation** for godliness.

- It encourages us toward **holiness**. 1 John 3:2-3
- It encourages us toward **service**. 1 Cor. 3:8,12-14; 2 Cor. 5:10
- It encourages us in **suffering**. 2 Cor. 4; Rom. 8:18

**“...He brought His word to light...”**

Everything that we experience as Christians is because God brought His **word** to light. The message that accomplishes God’s blueprint is found nowhere else but the **Bible**.

**“...through the preaching entrusted to me...”**

If the message is the Word, the means is the **preaching**.

Preaching: *kerusso* – to **proclaim** or herald

In verse 3, God is talking about the preaching not the preacher, the **proclamation**, not the proclaimer. The word of God is the message and the means is **not** based on the person, but on the preaching of the message.

*Romans 10:13-15; 1 Corinthians 2*

The only legitimate tool is the Scripture and the only legitimate bridge to real life change is the **mind**. (*Romans 12:2*)

Preaching is proclaiming God’s saving truth, sanctifying truth, and strengthening **truth** from Scripture. The rest is up to the **Holy Spirit**.

*Mark 16:15*

The Great Commission, also, isn’t about the preacher, it is about the preaching. You may not have a **pulpit**, but you have a mandate from God just the same to preach, to proclaim, God’s truth wherever and **whenever** you can.

## **God’s “blueprint within the blueprint”**

God’s church is, first of all, completely under His sovereign **authority**.

God’s church is to bring those chosen by God to salvation by **faith** and then to bring the saved to **godliness** by their knowledge of the truth empowered by the indubitable **hope** of eternal life.

The **message** of God’s church for salvation and godliness is the Bible, the inerrant Word of God.

God’s church communicates God’s message through preaching, **proclaiming** God’s truth in God’s power.

God’s plan for His church is God’s plan for **you**.

**Fairway** will not conform to God’s plan until **we** individually begin to do so ourselves.