

## Rejoicing in Reform

John Knox: Preaching's Power to Reform  
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Reformation is not a process that ended with the reformation!  
It is a process that God is continually using to bring about greater \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, not just in His church as an organization, but in the hearts of the many people who make up that church.

**The necessary response of someone who trusts in God is briefly described in condensed form in verses 9-10 of Romans 10.**

With the heart – \_\_\_\_\_

With the mouth – \_\_\_\_\_

**All who call on Him will be saved. But \_\_\_\_\_ will call upon Him?  
Verse 14-17 describe the method God so wonderfully uses to bring about this salvation in His elect:**

**We must \_\_\_\_\_ on the name of the Lord. But to do that...**

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**We must \_\_\_\_\_ about the name of the Lord. But to do that...**

**Someone must \_\_\_\_\_ of the truth of the Lord!**

John Knox's early years and ministry:

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### QUESTION:

What so affected Knox that he would lay down his life for the gospel?  
How were his countrymen stirred awake to faithful action?  
How did Knox defend himself against accusations of heresy?

The answer to each of these questions is strong, biblical \_\_\_\_\_!

John Knox – exile and return:

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**QUESTION:** What is so special about *preaching* that God would use it to inspire belief and confession in those who God draws to Himself? And how is *preaching* different than *teaching*?

\*Preaching and teaching are not so strictly separate as some might have us believe... (Acts 28:31, Colossians 1:28)

Good preaching accomplishes teaching, it accomplishes communication. But it is more specialized than that, because it delivers God's truth with a kind of power that other methods lack –

**Preaching is God's truth \_\_\_\_\_.**

**There is a \_\_\_\_\_ in God's truth preached to the world.**

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**\*That confidence should not be devoid of \_\_\_\_\_. If a man preaches anything other than the scripture, he has no cause for confidence.**

Preaching is the work of the \_\_\_\_\_ – **Acts 6:2-4**

Preaching is an action to be performed in and out of season (in other words, we must be \_\_\_\_\_ preaching!) – **2 Timothy 4:2-4**

Preaching is, to some degree, the responsibility of \_\_\_\_\_ believer! – **1 Peter 3:15-16**

John Knox, leads the reformation in Scotland

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How can we protect the ministry of the Word Preached in Power?

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\*Good preaching protects \_\_\_\_\_ more than we protect good preaching!