

- Why do we preach the Word so much at CFBC?
 1. to obey the biblical mandate
 2. to save the unregenerate souls
 3. to feed the hungry saints
 4. to model the accurate hermeneutic
 5. to hear from Almighty God
 6. to glorify the Living God

Jeremiah 23:28 — *Whoever has My Word, let him SPEAK MY WORD IN TRUTH.*
1 Kings 22.14 — *Micaiah said: “As the Lord lives, what the LORD says to me, THAT I shall speak.*

THESIS — In Titus 2.1, Paul gives a serious charge to Titus regarding the importance of speaking the Truth.

And for us, as I preach it, I want to give us **3 reasons *WHY* we’re so committed to biblical preaching.**

1. The *URGENCY* of biblical preaching
2. The *UNDERSTANDING* of biblical preaching
3. The *USEFULNESS* of biblical preaching

I. BECAUSE OF THE URGENCY OF BIBLICAL PREACHING (2:1a)

- This is the *passion/prescription*.

Verse 1 - But as for you...

- The urgent call of preaching is specific, timeless, individualistic, clear, repeated & needful.
- Paul’s Words are true; I am under compulsion: for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel (1 Cor 9.16)

“The supreme work of the Christian minister is the work of preaching. This is the day in which one of our great perils is that of doing a thousand little things to the neglect of the one thing, which is preaching!” (G. Campbell Morgan)

II. BECAUSE OF THE UNDERSTANDING OF BIBLICAL PREACHING (2:1b)

Titus 2:1 — “Why Are We So Committed To Biblical Preaching?”

- This is the *precision*. Hard workers understand what it is to be precise.

What is “expository preaching?”

We must preach expositively. By expositively, I mean preaching in such a way that the meaning of the Bible passage is presented entirely and exactly as it was intended by God. Expository preaching is the proclamation of the truth of God as mediated through the preacher.

Give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, and to teaching (1 Tim 4.13).

- **Verse 1** - Paul says to “**SPEAK**” -- Here it speaks formally of Christian proclamation (=preaching), instruction and teaching the Word of God.

Preaching and speaking divine truth is not only explicating the meaning of a text but the application of the meaning to the life of the hearer. The goal is to inform, persuade and call for an appropriate response to the Word! It calls for a verdict!

“The true idea of preaching is that the preacher should become a mouthpiece for the text, opening it up and applying it as a word from God to his hearers, talking only in order that the text itself may speak and be heard” (JI Packer).

“Expository preaching is that mode of Christian preaching that takes as its central purpose the presentation and application of the text of the Bible. All other issues and concerns are subordinated to the central task of presenting the biblical text. As the word of God, the text of Scripture has the right to establish both the substance and the structure of the sermon. Genuine exposition takes place when the preacher sets forth the meaning and message of the biblical text and makes clear how the word of God establishes the identity and worldview of the church as the people of God” (Albert Mohler)

III. BECAUSE OF THE USEFULNESS OF BIBLICAL PREACHING (2:1c)

- This is the *protection*.

The preaching of the Scripture -- accurate, sound, healthy Truth -- is most advantageous and needful! Nothing is more worthwhile and more profitable than to be regularly under the sound teaching of the Word.

We must preach what will be of eternal *USEFULNESS* to men’s souls -- the Gospel of Christ

V.1 - the things which are fitting for ‘sound doctrine’

Titus 2:1 — “Why Are We So Committed To Biblical Preaching?”

- Sound doctrine: confronts sin! It unveils false doctrine. It sanctifies in holiness. It provides examples to follow. It qualifies church leaders. It equips pastors. It glorifies God!
- This biblical preaching expounds on the Word.
- This biblical preaching magnifies Jesus Christ;
- This biblical preaching edifies Spirit-indwelt souls.
- This biblical preaching saves wayward sinners.
- This biblical preaching allows Christ to speak to His church.
- This biblical preaching guards from false teachings within.
- This biblical preaching protects from false teachers without.
- This biblical preaching instills zeal and courage in our hearts.

Conclusion:

A fitting & clarion call for *biblical preaching of sound doctrine!*

Through our preaching the Lord seeks to change men's lives.

We are to be evangelists, to awaken men to their high calling in Christ. We are to be heralds, proclaiming the messages of God to men. We are to be ambassadors, calling men to be reconciled to God. We are to be shepherds, nourishing and caring for men day by day. We are to be stewards of the mysteries of God, giving men the proper Word for their every need. We are to be witnesses, telling men of all that God has done for them. We are to be overseers, urging men to live their lives to God. We are to be ministers, preparing men to minister with us to others.

And as we reflect on all these phases of our work, what emphasis each gives to the importance of preaching! What a task the Lord has given to us!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he has done!**

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

16 Benefits of Expository Preaching

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1. Allows God to speak through His written Word, by His chosen mouthpiece, to all who are present.
2. Defines the primary way that Christ promises to build His Church -- through the regular, faithful, steady, theological, Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered expounding of Scripture.
3. Feeds God's people on the whole counsel of God.
4. Is the primary means that the Spirit of God brings lost sinners to salvation through faith alone in Christ alone.
5. Is the primary means through which the Spirit of God sanctifies, grows, convicts, and conforms the likeness of Christ in true believers.
6. Upholds the absolute sufficiency, divine authority, unstoppable power, and glorious comforts found in Holy Scripture.
7. Brings out the authorial meaning of the text that is singular, unchanging and expounded.
8. Models for believers how to study God's Word and how to derive at the meaning of the text and proper application of the meaning of that text for their lives today.
9. Aids the congregation to know what will be preached on next week (if it's sequential exposition through a Book of the Bible).
10. Prevents a minister from saying his opinions, or reading into the text what's not there (*eisegesis*), or entertaining people with stories.
11. Grows the preacher himself as he studies the text of Scripture to be preached and benefits from the sanctifying work of God's truth in his own soul and life.
12. Goes forth with the power of the Holy Spirit with much prayer and faithful proclamation.
13. Must be priority and central in the local church.
14. Informs the minds of believers with theological truth so as to see how the text that is preached fits within the immediate and greater context of that chapter and book. It shows the flock that God's Word is a unity and that systematic theology is to be derived *out of* Scripture as it is properly interpreted.
15. Does not change with the cultural changes, preferences of men, laws of the land, or generational shifts. It is a timeless mandate from God.
16. Allows the sermon to be preached in any culture in the world as the meaning of the text does not change from place to place (applications may differ but the meaning remains constant).

“The work of preaching is the highest and the greatest and the most glorious calling to which anyone can ever be called. If you want something in addition to that I would say without any hesitation that the most urgent need in the Christian Church today is true preaching; and as it is the greatest and the most urgent need in the Church, it is obviously the greatest need of the world also”
 (Martyn Lloyd-Jones).

“Preach the Word ... be ready in season and out of season” (2 Timothy 4:2).