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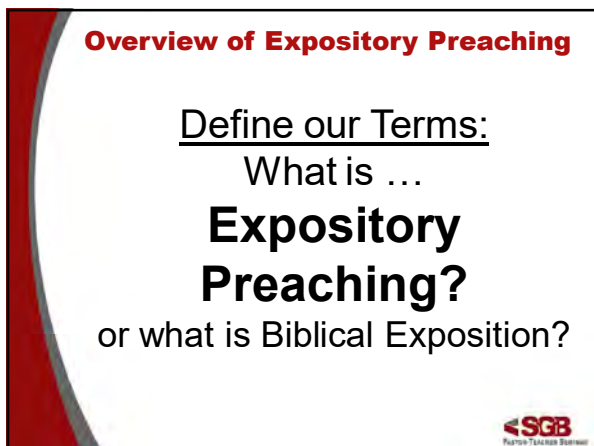
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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

Words mean what they mean.  
**NOT** what we might think they mean.  
 Nor are the terms necessarily what we've always **believed** them to mean.




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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

**Expository:** *Adjective* – Intends to explain or describe something.

Comes from root word – **EXPOSE**

1. To lay open; to set to public view;  
to disclose;
2. To make bare; to uncover;




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**Luke 24:32**

And they said one to another,  
 Did not our heart burn within us,  
 while he talked with us by the way,  
 and while he **opened** to us the scriptures?

διανοίγω dianoigō  
 to open thoroughly, literally (as a first born) or figuratively (to expound): - open.




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**Acts 28:23**

And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he **expounded** and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

ἐκτίθημι - ektithēmi  
to expose; figuratively to declare: - cast out, expound.

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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

*Webster's 1828 Dictionary*

**Exposition:** A laying open; a setting to public view.

1. A situation in which a thing is exposed or laid open
2. Explanation; interpretation; a laying open the sense or meaning of an author or of any passage in a writing.



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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

The goal of all preaching should be...

**To explain the meaning of Scripture!**

~ To lay it open ~  
~ To expound the text~  
~ To give the sense ~



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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

**Preaching:** *noun* – to herald, to proclaim.  
To declare. To admonish. To warn.  
To bear witness.

And to do so with fervency and urgency.  
With passion and compassion.



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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

**The Bible Expositor stands between Two Worlds**  
The Ancient and the Modern...  
and never lets go of either.

With one hand you cling to the **historical, cultural, geographical** and **theological** issues within the Text, and with the other hand you reach out to the modern hearer and accurately apply the timeless truth learned from the passage.



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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

- We must be familiar with the context into which the author is writing.
- We must understand what prompted this book/epistle/narrative.
- We must seek to find the timeless principle from the passage that speaks to our hearers.



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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

This is what expository preaching does. Rather than beginning with an idea, topic or destination already in mind. Then trying to find a Text that *may* use the word/phrase that sort of sounds like what we want to talk about.

**Instead - The expositor seeks to remain true to authorial intent.**

- To accurately relate the message that GOD intended to be learned from this particular portion of Scripture.



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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

This requires time and effort. **And IS NOT the easy way to preach.**

However, it is the **MOST BIBLICAL** way to preach.

**Expository Preaching is NOT just one style among many, but is rather a desire to stay true to the Holy Spirit's purpose in having this Text recorded for humanity.**



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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

You have nothing to say of any eternal authority that is **NOT** found in the Inspired Text.

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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

God promised that **His Word** would not return unto Him void...

*Isaiah 55:11*

- NOT our clever outlines.
- NOT 3 points and a poem.
- NOT our political views.
- Not our life experiences.
- NOT our ingenious alliteration.




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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

There is nothing wrong with clever outlines, alliteration, and illustration ... however, none of these are proper substitutes for the clear and concise declaration of "thus saith the Lord."




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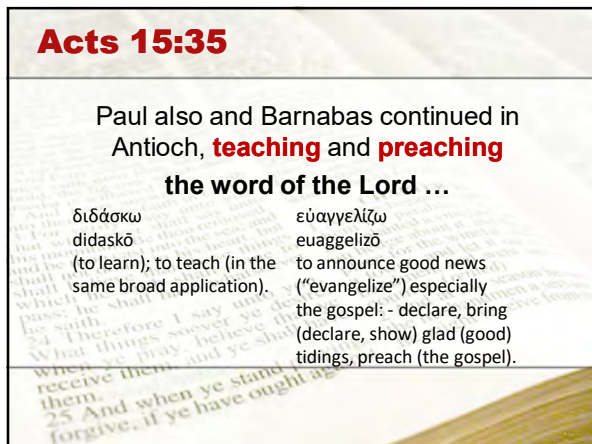
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**Acts 15:35**

Paul also and Barnabas continued in Antioch, **teaching** and **preaching** the word of the Lord ...

διδάσκω	εὐαγγελίζω
didaskō	euaggelizō
(to learn); to teach (in the same broad application).	to announce good news ("evangelize") especially the gospel: - declare, bring (declare, show) glad (good) tidings, preach (the gospel).




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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

Biblical Preaching is **text-driven preaching.**

It starts with the Text. It stays with the Text. It says what the Text says. It stops where the Text stops.

Expository Preaching explains what the Bible means, by what the Bible says.



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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

There is a difference between preaching the Bible, and preaching “about” the Bible.



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Re-Introducing  
**Just JERRY**



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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

“The true idea of preaching is that the preacher should become a mouthpiece for this 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.”  
J I Packer



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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

There are numerous ways to preach an Expository Sermon.



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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

**1. Sequential Exposition**

- This is verse-by-verse through entire books of the Bible.
- You begin at CH 1 VS 1 and you don't stop until you get to the end.
- IMO ... This should be the *"meat and potatoes of the ministry."*
- If for no other reason... than this is **HOW GOD WROTE THE BIBLE!**
- Also provides the most balanced "diet" for the sheep.



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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

**2. Sectional Exposition**

- This is preaching through a "section" or portion of book.
- You identify a segment of Scripture, and preach it.
- ie. - "The Sermon on the Mount."
  - The "Armor of God."
  - The "Fruit of the Spirit."
  - The "7 church of Asia Minor."



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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

**3. Topical Exposition**

- This is taking a subject and expounding upon it.
- ie. - The Attributes of God.
  - The Family
  - The Doctrines of Grace
- The duties of church Membership
  - The Tabernacle
- **HOWEVER**, you do **not** use the Text as a *"springboard"* to say whatever it is **you** want to say... but instead you only say what the **Text** says about that subject.



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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

**4. Biographical Exposition:**

- These are character studies.
- i.e. - King David - John the Baptist
- Elijah - Joseph
- Apostle Paul - Jesus
- Again, you say what the Bible says about these individuals.
  - You expound the Text.
  - You open up the Scripture.



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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

**5. Specific Verse(s) Exposition**

- This is taking one verse, or one unit of thought and expounding on them.
- Perhaps there is a current event that demands pulpit attention.
- An issue in the church that needs to be addressed.
  - ie. - Church Discipline
  - Terrorism - A natural disaster
  - Seasonal Sermons - Holidays



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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

HOWEVER, in every case, **the only authority** we have is what God's Word has to say.

- You may have some good advice.
  - You may be "right."
  - You may be the voice of reason.
- But if you are not basing your message on what is actually on the page, you are just a person with a platform.
  - You are Just Jerry.



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Don't Be  
**Just  
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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

Accurate authorial intent  
+  
Relevant Application  
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2 Timothy 2:15  
*... rightly dividing the word of truth.*

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**Overview of Expository Preaching**

**A commitment to Expository  
Preaching  
(at its most fundamental  
theological core)  
is the teacher/preacher's  
unyielding confidence in the  
sufficiency of Scripture.**

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