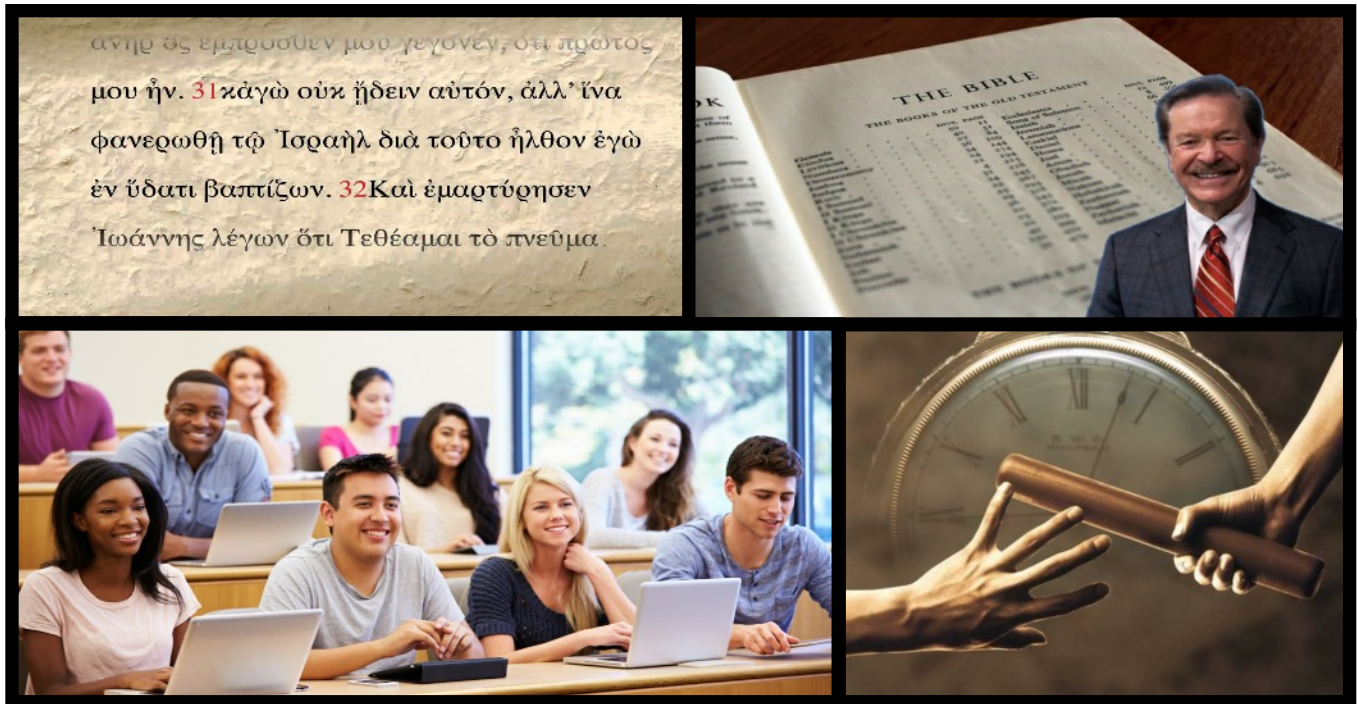


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## SYLLABUS AND STUDY GUIDE Expository Preaching PT716

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# EXPOSITORY PREACHING

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Textbook for the Course:  
*Biblical Preaching: The Development and  
Delivery of Expository Messages*  
by Haddon W. Robinson

# COURSE SYLLABUS

**I. COURSE TITLE:** PT405: Expository Preaching

**II. COURSE PREREQUISITE:** Recommended—PT303: Preaching I

**III. COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course will focus on the development of skills and resources for effective biblical preaching. Special emphasis will be placed on the role of expository preaching.

**IV. COURSE RATIONALE:**

***A. Philosophical***

1. To examine the components of the homiletic process and their significance for Christian ministry.
2. To produce a profound respect for the value of traditional and innovative principles of sermon preparation and delivery.
3. To enable the student to understand the key relationships between the biblical text and meeting the spiritual needs of the contemporary audience.

***B. Practical***

1. The course will help students develop a deep appreciation and a profound respect for biblical preaching and its place in Christian ministry.
2. The course will help students understand how the principles of biblical preaching lay open the biblical text in order to set forth its meaning and make appropriate application.
3. The course will assist the student to develop knowledge and homiletical skills that can be used in his or her ministerial vocation.

## **V. COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

### ***Cognitive Domain:***

The student will be able to:

- A. Describe and analyze the various components of a sermon and relate each part to the sermon as a whole (Knowledge and Analysis).
- B. Evaluate sermons for overall effectiveness, fidelity to the text, listenability, authoritativeness, clarity, persuasiveness, and cohesiveness (Evaluation).
- C. Explain and demonstrate the principles of expository preaching and relate them to the preparation and delivery of a sermon (Comprehension, Application and Synthesis).
- D. Write an oral sermon outline and summarize the usefulness of oral writing in preaching ministry (Application and Evaluation).

### ***Affective Domain:***

- A. The student will be ready to utilize proven techniques of sermon preparation and delivery.
- B. The student will be able to appreciate the significance of each component of the sermon in the preaching process.
- C. The student will gain an ability to prepare and preach expository sermons in such a way that he or she will be able to expound the truth of God's Word in an authoritative and anointed manner that will move the inner affections of the hearer.
- D. The student will become comfortable with his or her ability to prepare an oral sermon outline and use it as a tool to achieve excellence in preaching ministry.

## **VI. COURSE OUTLINE:**

- A. How to Identify True Preaching
- B. The Results of Expository Preaching
- C. The Expository Process
- D. How to Prepare Expository Messages
- E. Sermon Analysis: Expository Sermons
- F. How to Do Oral Writing of Sermons

## **VII. COURSE METHOD:**

This course will use a combination of learning methods including: lecture, class discussion and independent study.

## **VIII. COURSE TEXTS:**

- A. REQUIRED: Robinson, Haddon W. *Biblical Preaching: The Development and Delivery of Expository Messages*. Third Edition. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1980, 2001, 2014.
- B. RECOMMENDED: Watchman Nee. *The Ministry of God's Word*. Anaheim: Living Stream Ministry, 2000.

## **IX. COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

- A. Attendance is required at ALL lectures. If a student must be unavoidably absent, he/she must listen to the lecture video and notify the instructor prior to class. (Online students must complete required course activities in addition to videos)
- B. Read the assigned textbook.
- C. Complete the final examination as assigned

## **X. GRADING PROCEDURE:**

- A. Attendance at all lectures—see Course Requirements above
- B. Final examination grade

## **XI. SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

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**Course Study Guide**

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# How to Identify True Preaching

- ! 1 Corinthians 1:17-21
- ! 1 Corinthians 9:14-16
- ! 2 Corinthians 4:1-6
- ! 2 Timothy 2:15
- ! 2 Timothy 4:1-5

We shall discuss principles of expository preaching and its preparation.

## I. THE NATURE OF PREACHING

A. There are eight to ten different Greek words which indicate some phase of preaching in the New Testament. However, two are supreme in importance:

1. *euaggelizō*: “I preach the good news.”
  - a. Evangel, evangelist, evangelize
  - b. This suggests two things:
    - i. Man’s need of Good News
    - ii. God’s provision of Good News
2. *kērussō*: “I announce from the throne.”

- a. The word delivered, announced, heralded on behalf of a king
  - b. This suggests two things:
    - i. The throne—authority
    - ii. The demand—obedience
- B. Preaching is the declaration of God’s gracious provision for man’s need on the authority of the throne of God and demanding obedience.

## II. THE OBJECT OF PREACHING

- A. The object of preaching is not the MIND or intellect, it is not the EMOTIONS or feeling, it is the WILL.
  - 1. G. Campbell Morgan
 

“The preacher should never address an audience without remembering that his ultimate citadel is the human will.”
  - 2. He may travel the road of intellect...he may pass through the lush valley of emotion...but PREACHING IS ONLY PREACHING WHEN IT PASSES THROUGH THESE AND STORMS THE CASTLE-FORTRESS OF THE WILL CALLING FOR ALLEGIANCE TO THE THRONE!
- B. The preacher brings “good news,” but he does not bring something to be trifled with—it is the message of the King of Kings.

### III. THE METHOD OF PREACHING

#### A. There are three basic types of preaching.

##### 1. Topical

- a. In topical preaching, the preacher sets a subject or theme and then blends scripture and the sermon to explain it.
- b. Robert Schuller, Billy Graham, the late C. M. Ward, and others are topical preachers.
  - i. Theme preaching
  - ii. Historical/event preaching
  - iii. Biographical preaching

##### 2. Textual

- a. Textual preaching uses a short text or passage that generally serves as a gateway into whatever subject the preacher chooses to address.
- b. Kenneth Copeland, Fred Price, and others use this method.
- c. Neither of these represent a serious effort to interpret, understand, explain or apply God's truth in the context of the Scripture used.

##### 3. Expository

- a. Expository preaching focuses predominantly on a certain text or passage within its context, and that passage becomes the source of the message preached.

- b. Ten things expository preaching is NOT:
- i. A commentary running from word to word and verse to verse without unity, outline or pervasive drive
  - ii. Rambling comments and offhand remarks about a passage without a background of thorough exegesis, logical order, and strong application
  - iii. A mass of disconnected suggestions and inferences based on the surface meaning of a passage, but not sustained by a depth-and-breadth study of the text
  - iv. Pure exegesis, no matter how scholarly, if it lacks a theme, thesis, outline, development, and application
  - v. A mere structural outline of a passage with a few supporting comments but without other rhetorical and sermonic elements
  - vi. A topical homily using scattered parts of the passage, but omitting discussion of other equally important parts
  - vii. A chopped-up collection of grammatical findings and quotations from commentaries without a fusing of these elements into a smooth, flowing, interestingly and compelling message
  - viii. A Sunday-school-lesson type of discussion that has an outline of the contents, informality and fervency, but lacks sermonic structure and rhetorical ingredients
  - ix. A Bible reading that links a number of scattered passages treating a common theme, but fails to handle any of them in a thorough, grammatical and contextual manner
  - x. The ordinary devotional or prayer-meeting talk that combines running commentary, rambling remarks, disconnected suggestions and personal reactions into a semi-inspirational discussion, but lacks the benefit of the basic exegetical-contextual study and persuasive elements
- c. “Expository preaching is preaching which explains Scripture by laying open the text to public view in order to set forth its meaning, explain what is difficult to understand, and make appropriate application” (Richard L. Mayhue, *Expository Preaching*).
- d. Expositors include: G. Campbell Morgan, Martin Lloyd-Jones, William Barclay, R. C. H. Lenski, and others.