

What Is An Expository Sermon?

Just as man may put on an Art Exposition (display) to reveal some work of art, the exposition of Scripture is the placing out, or the displaying of the truth contained in a chosen passage of Scripture. The expository sermon takes the main thought of a portion of Scripture and then seeks to expose and explain it, in the light of its context, within the particular passage in which it occurs. Therefore, the main points that form the outline are drawn directly from the passage that is being expounded. Each contestant will preach an expository or topical sermon. An example expository sermon outline is provided below. **Note: This is a sample. You are expected to write your own outline. Seeking advice and help from your pastor or youth pastor is permitted.**

Title: The Gospel Of Jesus Christ

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Theme: The true Gospel of Jesus Christ is based upon the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ; and when the gospel is accepted by faith, sinners are saved and their life is changed.

I. The Preaching Of The Gospel – 1 Cor. 15:1-2

- A. The Corinthians Received The Gospel From Paul – 1 Cor. 15:1
- B. The Corinthians Were Saved By The Gospel Paul Preached – 1 Cor. 15:2

II. The Facts Of The Gospel – 1 Cor. 15:3-8

- A. The True Gospel Speaks About Christ's Death For Our Sins – 1 Cor. 15:3
- B. The True Gospel Speaks About Christ's Resurrection From The Grave – 1 Cor. 15:4-8
 - 1. Christ's resurrection was prophesied in the Scriptures – 1 Cor. 15:4
 - 2. Christ's resurrection is validated by many witnesses – 1 Cor. 15:5-8

III. The Result Of The Gospel – 1 Cor. 15:9-11

The result of accepting the gospel by faith is a changed life. Paul uses his own life as an illustration of this truth.

- A. Paul Was Once A Sinful Persecutor Of The Gospel Message – 1 Cor. 15:9
- B. Paul Is Now A Saved Preacher Of The Gospel Message – 1 Cor. 15:10-11

Helpful hints in preparing an expository sermon:

1. Select the passage to be expounded.
2. Seek to discover its main theme, or subject.
3. State the theme in a concise statement of the principle truth which has been revealed by the text that was chosen.
4. Discover the contributing thoughts in the passage that illustrate the theme, or that spring forth from the theme.
5. Write these thoughts down in your own words.
6. Arrange the thoughts gleaned from the passage in an outline form with main points and sub points.
7. Prepare the sermon by "putting meat" on the outline you have gleaned from the passage.

What Is A Topical Sermon?

When using the topical method for preaching, the preacher gets his topic from the Bible and treats it as the Bible treats it. When preaching a topical sermon, the topic controls the contents and the development of the sermon. An example topical sermon outline is provided below. **Note: This is a sample. You are expected to come up with your own topic and outline. Seeking advice and help from your pastor or youth pastor is permitted.**

Title: Have You Offended The Holy Spirit Of God?

Text: Acts 7:51-60; Various Texts

Theme: It is possible for both saved and unsaved to commit offenses against the Holy Spirit of God which can result in horrific consequences.

I. Offenses Against The Holy Spirit Often Committed By Unsaved People

- A.** Resisting The Holy Spirit – Acts 7:51
- B.** Blaspheming The Holy Spirit – Matthew 12:31-32
- C.** Insulting The Holy Spirit – Hebrews 10:29

II. Offenses Against The Holy Spirit Often Committed By Saved People

- A.** Lying To The Holy Spirit – Acts 5:3-4
- B.** Grieving The Holy Spirit – Ephesians 4:30
- C.** Quenching The Holy Spirit – 1 Thessalonians 5:19