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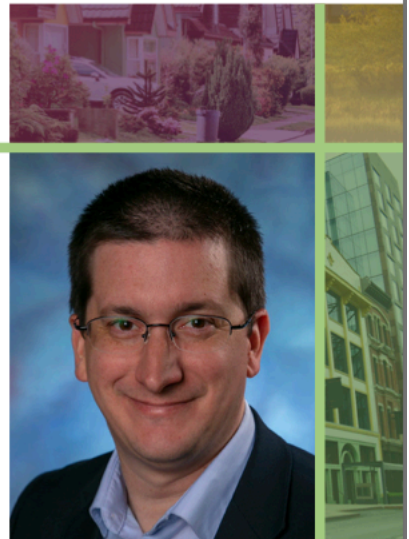
THE FIRST IMPORTANCE

In his book *Preaching*, Tim Keller reminds pastors of the importance of preaching that which is most important. “Every time you expound a Bible text, you are not finished unless you demonstrate how it shows us that we cannot save ourselves and that only Jesus can. That means we must preach Christ from every text, which is the same as saying we must preach the gospel every time and not just settle for general inspiration or moralizing.”

There are many important issues our churches need pastors to address. However, no matter what text, no matter what topic, pastors should be certain that the gospel is the core of what they preach. Jesus’ death informs how we live our lives and is the only way those dead in sin are made alive.

Holy Spirit, when Your shepherds sit down to prepare their sermons, burden their hearts to preach Jesus and His gospel every time so that the saints may be encouraged and the lost may hear and believe. In Jesus’ name, amen.

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*“For I passed on to you as most important what I also received:
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.”*

1 Corinthians 15:3