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<b>CHRIST</b>	Gospel Grace
	Repentant Faith
	Holy Worship
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	Biblical Authority
	Expository Preaching
<b>FAMILY</b>	Covenant Family
	Servant Leadership
	Hungry Prayer
	Kingdom Diversity
<b>MISSION</b>	Fruitful Discipleship
	Active Mercy
	Global Witness



# What is expository preaching?

**Expository preaching explains and applies the intended meaning of a biblical text through careful study of its grammar, context, and background, in light of the whole Bible, fulfilled in Christ, with the help of God's Spirit.**



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- Expository preaching is *not a new development* in church history.



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## Acts 20:29–30

<sup>29</sup> “I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup> and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.”



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### Matthew 4:4

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Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.



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### 2 Corinthians 4:2

But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.



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- **Biblical teaching aims for healthy affections (1 Tim 1:5).**



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The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.



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### Acts 17:21

Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.



# 12 Benefits of Expository Preaching

1. Expository preaching teaches people “the whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27).
2. Expository preaching equips people to study Scripture themselves.
3. Expository preaching glorifies Christ as the center of Scripture.
4. Expository preaching protects churches from a leader’s hobbyhorses.
5. Expository preaching upholds Scripture’s authority over anyone else’s.
6. Expository preaching compels us to address hard or unpopular topics.





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7. Expository preaching cultivates loving unity in the truth of the gospel.
8. Expository preaching fosters theological depth and spiritual stability.
9. Expository preaching enriches our prayer, fellowship, and evangelism.
10. Expository preaching forms a filter that can discern false teaching.
11. Expository preaching creates a hunger for meat and not just milk.
12. Expository preaching sanctifies the church through God's word and Spirit.