

Faithfully Preaching Christ from the Old Testament

Introduction

- Christ-centered preaching under serious evaluation
 - Many faulty methods
 - Many misunderstandings
 - Many proposals
 - Overview:
 - Importance of Preaching Christ
 - Challenges of Preaching Christ
 - The Preaching Process
 - Workshop: Ezra 3:10 – 5:2
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1. The Importance of Preaching Christ
 - a. Christ Builds His Church through the Preached Word
 - i. Example of Scripture
 1. Acts 2:14ff.; 5:42; 8:5; 9:22; 18:5, 28
 2. 1 Corinthians 2:1-8
 - ii. Command of Scripture
 1. 2 Timothy 4:2
 - iii. For all people, unbelievers and believers
 1. Col. 1:28
 - iv. Christ is experienced in the Word
 1. John 10:16
 2. 1 Peter 2:2-3
 - b. The Word Centers on Christ
 - i. Luke 24:25-27
 - ii. John 5:39

2. Challenges of Preaching Christ

3. Christ-Centered Preaching Process (chart)

a. Three distinct steps

i. Exegesis (Analysis)

1. Original languages, hermeneutics (general and special), Bib. Intro.

2. Author – Recipients

ii. Theology (Synthesis)

1. How does this text fit within the whole Bible?

2. Universal Truth

iii. Exposition

1. Christ – His People

b. Steps must remain distinct

i. Theology does not inform exegesis

ii. Exposition is not exegesis

iii. See handout “Exegetical Method and Practice” for a more detailed presentation

4. Workshop: Ezra 3:10 – 5:2

a. Exegesis

i. OT History

ii. OT Genre

iii. Purpose of Ezra-Nehemiah

iv. Exegetical Notes

1. 3:10-13

2. 4:1-5

3. 4:6-24

4. 5:1-2

v. Exegetical Outline

1.

2.

3.

4.

vi. Exegetical Proposition

b. Theology

i. Universal Truth

c. Exposition

i. Homiletical Proposition

ii. Homiletical Outline