

What Qualifies as Expository Preaching of the Bible?

1. Preaching that unequivocally asserts the sole and absolute authority of the Holy Scriptures above all and every other source(s) of authority and truth.
2. Preaching with the authority of God. The minister's authority comes from God Himself only in as much as he is faithful to the Scripture's true meaning and can accurately declare that what he preaches is the word/voice of God.
3. Preaching that asserts the plenary verbal inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, rendering them infallible and absolutely reliable.
4. Preaching that draws out and makes the sense of the Holy Scriptures with the intention to faithfully discover, believe and teach what God's Authorial intention was/is for what He wrote.
5. Preaching that employs the Grammatical/Historical method of coming upon what the original hearers should have understood the text to mean if they themselves faithfully understood its meaning in light of their own:
 - a. Rules of language/grammar
 - b. Reason employed in saving faith
 - c. History
 - d. Culture
6. Preaching whose purpose is to be an instrument of God in His gracious gifting of faith and salvation to His elect. Preaching aimed toward the defining and development of right doctrine for the purpose of right practice, in order to please God by obedience to His Lordship and to express love and thanksgiving for His Person, first, and provision second.
7. Preaching that draws its subject matter from the Holy Scriptures, in their context, and values all of Scripture as the word of God and therefore essential. Preaching that seeks to know each and every biblical components relationship to God's overarching plan for His glory and each parts relationship to every other part in the whole of the Old Testament and New Testament.
8. Preaching that honors God in its centrality of importance in the worship service of the Church assembled/gathered. Preaching is the event through which the Living God speaks to His people, and as such is both delivered and received with reverence and full undivided presence of mind and heart.
9. Preaching that leads the congregation's worship of God by seeing and rejoicing over the glory of the truth of God's word.
10. Preaching that has full and absolute confidence in the word of God to fully accomplish all that God intends it to, because of His essential sovereign nature and His personal commitment and promise that it will.
11. Preaching that recognizes the absolute accuracy and precision of each word of the text of Holy Scripture and reflects and teaches the extreme care that must be exercised if one is to be considered a competent and faithful expositor. Preaching that models the methods of excellence in order to train up the congregation in their own personal/devotional studies as they themselves take the work of the minister further or address any and all of the other passages of Scripture, in their pursuit of the knowledge of Christ, as life-long learners.