

How a pastor prepares a sermon

A. An overview

1. Prayer for the Spirit's help and blessing

Beginning

Middle

End – leaving the sacristy

2. Picking a text

Use of a Pericope

Use of a Rotation: EGO

Special occasions

3. Studying the text

(see point 1, again)

Exegesis – drawing out of the text

- Studying the Greek/Hebrew
- Word study and points of grammar

Isagogics- setting the context of the text including historical period and place.

Cross references

Looking for the Spirit's truths

What is unique to this text

Law/Gospel thoughts

Where is Jesus (John 5:39)

4. Insights from others

Reviewing commentaries on the text.

5. Formulating a theme and parts

What does the Spirit want us to know

Applying the text to the sinner (me and my hearers)

6. Writing the sermon

Outline or manuscript

Picking hymns and Psalms

7. Preparing for delivery

Underlining in red indicates a word only time in the new testament.

will go forward to worse, leading astray and being led astray. [14] But you keep on in what you learned and were assured of, having known from whom you learned. [15] and that from a babe you know the Holy Scriptures, those being able to make you wise to salvation, through faith in Christ Jesus. [16] Every Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; [17] so that the man of God may be perfect, fully furnished to every good work.

προκόμουν ἐπὶ τὸ χεῖρον, πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώμενοι.
 14 σὺ δὲ μένε ἐν οἷς ἔμαθες καὶ ἐπιστάσης, εἰδὼς παρὰ τίνος
 15 μαθες, καὶ ὅτι ἀπὸ βρέφους τὰ ἅγια γράμματα εἶδες, τὰ
 16 δυνάμενά σε σοφίσει εἰς σωτηρίαν διὰ πίστεως τοῦ
Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ. πάντα γραφὴ θεόπνευστος καὶ ὠφέλιμος
πρὸς διδασκαλίαν, πρὸς ἔλεγχον, πρὸς ἐπανόρθωσιν, πρὸς
παίδειαν τὴν ἐν δικαιοσύνῃ, ἵνα ὁ ἄνθρωπος
ἁγίος, πρὸς πᾶν ἔργον ἀγαθὸν ἐξοπλισμένος.

CHAPTER 4

3. What is special about this text?

4. Formulating a theme (and parts?)

Ps. 119: 106
John Placett, 1722

C. M.

Waldes
Johann J. Walder, 1732



1 How pre-cious is the Book Di-vine, By in-spi-ra-tion giv'n!
2 Its light, de-scend-ing from a-bove Our gloom-y world to cheer,
3 It shows to man his wan-d'ring ways And where his feet have trod,
4 O'er all the straight and nar-row way Its ra-diant beams are cast;



Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine To guide our souls to heav'n.
Dis-plays a Sav-ior's boundless love And brings His glo-ries near.
And brings to view the matchless grace Of a for-giv-ing God.
A light whose nev-er wea-ry ray Grows brightest at the last. A-men.



5 It sweetly cheers our drooping hearts In this dark vale of tears.
Life, light, and joy it still imparts And quells our rising fears.
6 This lamp through all the tedious night Of life shall guide our way
Till we behold the clearer light Of an eternal day.