



**PREA5300 Proclaiming the Bible**  
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### **Mission Statement**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

### **Course Description**

This is a foundational course which considers the nature of preaching, principles of sermon construction, resources for preaching, methods of sermon preparation and delivery, and problems of the preaching ministry. While students are exposed to a variety of approaches to sermon development, primary emphasis is given to the expositional process which undergirds the preaching event.

### **Student Learning Outcomes**

Christian proclamation of the Bible has played a vital role in the spread of the Gospel and Christianity. While all Christians are to carry out the Great Commission as witnesses of Christ, not all are called to preach or are involved in a preaching ministry. However, this course can benefit all who communicate the Word of God (such as through preaching, teaching, writing, or witnessing) and those who listen to preaching. Therefore, the following learning outcomes will apply to all students in this course.

By the end of the course, students who satisfactorily fulfill the course requirements should:

1. Be able to apply their knowledge and comprehension of course content to communicating the Bible accurately and effectively through the scope of a preaching ministry including:
  - a. Concepts of preaching, principles of sermon preparation and organization, resources for sermon development, and critical issues encountered in a preaching ministry.
  - b. Concepts of pulpit communication, principles of sermon delivery, resources for sermon delivery, media technology and preaching, and problems of sermon communication.

2. Value the following:
  - a. The role of the Holy Spirit in sermon planning, development, and delivery.
  - b. The personal spiritual preparation of the preacher.
  - c. The disciplines of sermon planning and development.
  - d. The expositional process in the preaching event.
  
3. Be able to accomplish the following tasks:
  - a. Use the expositional process.
  - b. Prepare an expository sermon.

### **Course Teaching Methodology**

The course will involve the following methodologies:

1. Lectures, Power Point presentations, electronically published materials, and the course textbooks will present the principles and methods of preaching.
2. Assigned readings will summarize principles, perspectives.
3. Audios, videos, and web streaming will demonstrate examples.
4. Writing assignments will facilitate experiential learning of the course content and objectives.
5. Group discussion will stimulate personal insights.
6. Reading quizzes and exams also will be used.
7. Conferences with the instructors are invited, in order to promote learning and application of course principles and concepts, and may be accomplished via telephone, e-mail, or office visits.

**Embedded Assignment** (completed by all students for all the sections of this course)  
**EXPOSITORY SERMON PROJECTS (ESP):** These assignments are to be typed and double-spaced, using Times New Roman 12-pitch font, and cite appropriate original sources using the parenthetical option per current NOBTS Style Guide and Turabian format. Include your name, e-mail address, and title of the assignment in the upper-right hand corner of the assignment. See descriptions and examples on course Blackboard. Each assignment will be submitted on the course Blackboard, under “Assignments.” Coherence, clarity, relevance, form, accuracy, freshness of expression will be included as a part of the evaluation of these assignments.

**Please complete the assignment according to the syllabus and rubric.**

### **GRADING RUBRIC FOR PREA5300 EMBEDDED ASSIGNMENT**

#### Section 1: Personal Observations of the Text

- 0 1 2 3 4 – Paraphrase demonstrates familiarity with multiple English translations  
 0 1 2 3 4 – Apparent CIT expressed concisely in 3<sup>rd</sup> person and past tense  
 0 1 2 3 4 – Apparent emphases reflect macro context of the Bible book  
 0 1 2 3 4 – Initial questions demonstrate curiosity and are numerous and appropriate

#### Section 2: Critical Study of the Passage

- 0 1 2 3 4 – Background of the book discusses options for authorship, date, place,

historical/cultural content, recipients, genre, purpose, theological framework, and relation of passage to context

0 1 2 3 4 – Analysis of major issues reflects internal/external evidence and primary/secondary sources

0 1 2 3 4 – Personal positions are supported by evidence, analysis, and/or critical thinking

0 1 2 3 4 – Content reflects at least 4 critical background commentaries

0 1 2 3 4 – Factual outline is three-levels deep, tied directly to the passage, indicates chapter and verses, and reflects literary context of the text

0 1 2 3 4 – Exegesis examines individual verses by major clauses, phrases, and/or words

0 1 2 3 4 – Exegetical outline reflects syntactical/grammatical/linguistic analysis, significance of ideas in context, and is directly related to the factual outline and author's intended purpose

### Section 3: Resulting Interpretation of the Passage

0 1 2 3 4 – Final paraphrase reflects exegetical and critical analysis of previous section

0 1 2 3 4 – Final CIT expressed concisely in 3<sup>rd</sup> person and past tense, and is accurate to the passage

0 1 2 3 4 – Final major emphases are related directly to the passage

0 1 2 3 4 – Answers to the initial questions are related directly to the passage and/or acknowledged as not answered by this particular passage

0 1 2 3 4 – Hermeneutical principles listed are appropriate for this passage

0 1 2 3 4 – Hermeneutical principles are tied to references to specific texts

0 1 2 3 4 – Message implications, sermon themes, and possible applications are appropriate

0 1 2 3 4 – Message implications, sermon themes, and possible applications reflect use of devotional and pastoral commentaries

### Selected Bibliography

0 1 2 3 4 – Includes at least 4 critical commentaries

0 1 2 3 4 – Includes at least 3 homiletical commentaries

0 1 2 3 4 – Includes at least 1 devotional commentary, 1 Testament survey, 1 Bible dictionary, and 1 systematic theology

0 1 2 3 4 – Includes at least 1 online source

0 1 2 3 4 – Includes at least 1 Bible encyclopedia

0 1 2 3 4 – Includes at least 3 word study/language tools

### Grading Scale Criteria

4 -- Exceptional quality, demonstrating superior workmanship and scholarship in exegesis of the passage; demonstrates specific, accurate and relevant use of class textbook and course concepts; reflects thoughtful consideration and addresses specific issues appropriately, constructively, and relevantly; follows syllabus instructions and format of the example; work submitted on time

3 -- Better quality than the class average; demonstrates that every detail of the assignment has been given careful attention; follows syllabus instructions and format of the example; work submitted on time

2 -- Met the requirements satisfactorily; demonstrates a quality at least comparable to the class average; follows syllabus instructions and format of the example; work submitted on time

1 -- Low passing; below the quality of the class average; student is not prepared for advanced work

0 -- Unsatisfactory work; reflects little or no use of specific references to class textbook and course lectures; resources are too few, or only devotional and general in nature

### **Textbooks**

Vines, Jerry, and Jim Shaddix. *Power in the Pulpit: How to Prepare and Deliver Expository Sermons*. Revised ed. Chicago: Moody, 2017.

Akin, Daniel L., David L. Allen, and Ned Mathews, eds. *Text-Driven Preaching: God's Word at the Heart of Every Sermon*. Nashville: B&H Publishing, 2010.

### **Course Requirements**

Students are required to do the following assignments:

**1. Class Participation:** The course will have fifteen weeks of classroom sessions of lecture, presentations, discussion, and group work. The student is to be in attendance at the required number of times identified by the student handbook. The student's participation will be evaluated on his or her, attendance, readiness to participate in any class discussions, and meaningful contribution to the class sessions.

**2. Assigned Readings and Quizzes:** Student is responsible for all assigned readings and course material indicated by the course schedule. **Reading quizzes** will be released on Tuesday of the week of the corresponding Unit and must be taken by following Monday by midnight (Central Time). All reading quizzes are closed book. No make-up quizzes will be offered.

### **3. EXPOSITORY PREACHING PROJECT (ESP):**

These assignments are to be typed and double-spaced, using Times New Roman 12-pitch font, and cite appropriate original sources using the parenthetical option per current NOBTS/Leavell College Style Guide and Turabian format. Include your name, e-mail address, and title of the assignment on the front title page of the assignment. See descriptions and examples on course Blackboard. Each assignment will be submitted on the course Blackboard, under "Assignments." Coherence, clarity, relevance, form, accuracy, freshness of expression will be included as a part of the evaluation of these assignments.

***This assignment is an embedded assignment that will be completed by all students for all the sections of this course. The rubric for grading this assignment is attached to the syllabus. Please complete the assignment according to the syllabus and rubric.***

**Write an analysis Paper on Colossians 1: 24-29.**

**DUE: March 23**

- a. Begin with a section titled "Personal Observations of the Passage".
  - i. This will include an initial personal paraphrase of the passage based on reading the passage **OUT LOUD** in **5 TRANSLATIONS**.
  - ii. The apparent central idea of the text (CIT or ETS) and unifying theme will be stated.

- iii. The apparent emphases of the passage will be listed. These will include initial observations about the passage gleaned from reading the **ENTIRE BOOK** out loud from at least 5 translations.
- iv. List initial questions you have about the meaning and nature of the passage.
- b. The second section will reflect a “Critical Study of the Passage” (consult at least 4 critical background commentaries).
  - i. “Background of the Book and Passage” should include:
    - 1. background study of the book, discussing options for authorship, date, place, historical/cultural context, recipients, genre, purpose, theological framework, relation of passage to context, etc.;
    - 2. evidence (primary and secondary) for each major option; and your personal conclusions and evidentiary basis for each.
  - ii. Develop a single-page, personally developed, factual outline of the book (three levels deep), tied directly to the text itself, reflecting the literal context of the text, and indicating the chapter and verses.
  - iii. In the third part, titled “Exegesis and Exposition of the Passage”:
    - 1. conduct an exegesis of Colossians 1:24-29 (see *Power in the Pulpit* 139–79); examine each individual verse, clause, phrase, or legitimate group of verses;
    - 2. develop an exegetical outline of the periscope that includes the text being examined – interpretive in nature, based upon syntactical analysis, reflecting the significance of ideas in context, and demonstrating a direct relationship to factual outline and author’s intended purpose; consult necessary language (grammar and syntax) tools.
- c. In the third section, titled “Resulting Interpretation of the Passage”:
  - i. Propose an improved paraphrase of the passage based upon your exegetical and critical analysis.
  - ii. Propose a more accurate central idea of the text (CIT/ETS) and unifying theme of the passage.
  - iii. List the major emphases of the passage based upon the critical study.
  - iv. Provide the answers to the initial questions raised about the passage.
  - v. List the hermeneutical principles necessary to a proper interpretation and application of the passage, with specific examples from the text itself.
  - vi. Provide “message implications”, listing implications of the entire book for sermonic themes and possible applications, comparing devotional and pastoral commentaries (see *Power in the Pulpit*, 174–79).
- d. Include a “Selected Bibliography” for a critical study of Colossians, including at least 4 critical commentaries, 3 homiletical commentaries, one devotional commentary, one Testament survey, one Bible dictionary, one systematic theology book, one on-line source, one Bible encyclopedia, and 3 word study/language tools.
- e. Deductive Sermon Brief: Write an expanded deductive sermon brief from Col 1:24-29. In addition to formal and functional elements, write out your introduction, summation, and invitation word-for-word exactly how you would say them. Include a bibliography.

**NOTE: The first draft of the “Background of the Book and Passage” section of this ESP (section II, part 1 described above in paragraph b, subsection i) will be submitted to the**

**NOBTS Writing Center two weeks prior to the final due date of the assignment (March 9).** Information about the Writing Center and the process for submitting papers can be found at <http://www.nobts.edu/writing>. The Writing Center staff will review the paper and work with the student as necessary to improve it before the final paper is submitted.

**4. Sermon Briefs:** Choose two passages from two different chapters of the book of Colossian, other than chapter one, and develop a sermon brief for each passage; write out your introduction and conclusion verbatim. Include a structural analysis and exegetical outline for each sermon brief. **DUE: April 13**

**5. Sermon Manuscript:** Develop a one-page inductive sermon brief on any narrative episode from **Joshua 2-9, 14, 20, 22-24**. (note; **all major points or scenes of the sermon must be tied directly to Scripture** and show the Scripture reference associated with each main point on the sermon brief). In addition, compose an **SERMON MANUSCRIPT** for your sermon brief from the Joshua narrative text. Write out word-for-word exactly how you expect to preach the message. Include a bibliography. **DUE: May 4**

**6. Final Exam:** will be cumulative in nature—student is responsible for all class material and reading throughout the semester. **DUE: see class calendar**

### **Evaluation of Grade**

All student learning outcomes will be evaluated through the grading of the course assignments and examination. Student participation and behavior in class and small-group discussions will also be factors in evaluation and grading.

The student's final grade will be determined as follows:

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| • Class Participation          | 10% |
| • Reading Quizzes              | 10% |
| • Expository Preaching Project | 35% |
| • Sermon Briefs                | 10% |
| • Sermon Manuscript            | 25% |
| • Exam                         | 10% |

### **Technical Assistance**

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. [Selfserve@nobts.edu](mailto:Selfserve@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the [Selfserve.nobts.edu](http://Selfserve.nobts.edu) site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. [BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu](mailto:BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System [NOBTS.Blackboard.com](http://NOBTS.Blackboard.com).
3. [ITCSupport@nobts.edu](mailto:ITCSupport@nobts.edu) - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. [www.NOBTS.edu/itc/](http://www.NOBTS.edu/itc/) - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

### **Policies**

**Academic Honesty Policy:** All graduate and undergraduate NOBTS students, whether on-campus, internet, or extension center students, are expected to adhere to the highest Christian

standard of honesty and integrity when completing academic assignments for all courses in every delivery system format. The Bible provides our standard for academic integrity and honesty. This standard applies whether a student is taking tests, quizzes, exams, writing papers, completing Discussion Boards, or any other course requirement.

**Assignment Formatting:** Unless otherwise noted, all assignments are to follow the NOBTS/Leavell College Style Guide (see course syllabus pg. 8). The latest edition of the Turabian Manual may be consulted for any issues not addressed in the Style Guide. All written assignments must be Word documents, written in third person unless otherwise instructed, and created in 12 pt. Times New Roman font.

**Grading Scale:** Your final grade will be based on your total accumulation of points as indicated under the *Assignments and Evaluation Criteria* section of this syllabus according to the grading scale in the NOBTS 2020-2021 catalog.

A 93-100    B 85-92    C 77-84    D 70-76    F 69 and below

**Absences, Make-up Work, and Late Assignments:** Students should consult the current NOBTS Catalogue for the Seminary policy on class absences. When emergencies exist, the student may petition the Academic Advisor for permission to remain in class with excessive absences. Students also are reminded that being tardy to class can result in absences being recorded (three times tardy will be recorded as one class period absence) and that students, **not the professor**, are responsible for having their presence in class recorded on the class roll when they are tardy in attendance.

Assignments turned in past the date and time due will incur an initial late penalty of **ten** points followed by an additional point each day it is late, which will be deducted from the assignment grade. **Assignments will not be accepted more than one week past the date due** without permission.

**Netiquette: Appropriate Online Behavior:** Each student is expected to demonstrate appropriate Christian behavior when working online. The student is expected to interact with other students in a fashion that will promote learning and respect for the opinions of others in the course. A spirit of Christian charity is expected at all times in the online environment.

### **Disclaimer**

Flexibility is a critical attitude to ministry faithfulness. Therefore, students will be expected to keep a good attitude when things change. This syllabus proposes a course of study for a given time period. However, occasionally things change. The professors reserve the right to adjust the syllabus when they reasonably think that doing so will enhance the learning experience of the students.

**Withdrawal from the Course:** The administration has set deadlines for withdrawal. These dates and times are published in the academic calendar. Administration procedures must be followed. You are responsible to handle withdrawal requirements. A professor can't issue a withdrawal. You must do the proper paperwork to ensure that you will not receive a final grade of "F" in the course if you choose not to attend once you are enrolled.

### Additional Information

**Blackboard and SelfServe:** You are responsible for maintaining current information regarding contact information on Blackboard and SelfServe. The professor will utilize both to communicate with the class. Assignment grades will be posted to Blackboard.

### In Case of a Declared Campus Evacuation

Students are to check the NOBTS electronic Blackboard at [www.nobts.edu](http://www.nobts.edu) within four days of evacuation.

**NOBTS Emergency Text Messaging Service:** Once you have established a SelfServe account you may sign up for the NOBTS emergency text messaging service by going to <http://nobts.edu/NOBTSEmergencyTextMessage.html> .

**Special Needs:** If you need an accommodation for any type of disability, please set up a time to meet with the professor(s) to discuss any modifications you may need that are able to be provided.

### Help for Writing Papers at “The Write Stuff”

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer.

### NOBTS/Leavell College Style Guide

A copy of the approved NOBTS/Leavell College Style Guide can be found in the course Blackboard shell, or can be located online at the Writing Center’s page on the seminary website at: <https://www.nobts.edu/resources/pdf/writing/StyleGuide.pdf>

### Plagiarism on Written Assignments

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

### Course Schedule

Date	Unit Content	Reading Assignment <i>Power</i>	Reading Assignments <i>Text-Driven</i>	Assignments Due
Week One Jan 19 & 21	Syllabus Overview Class Introduction	pp. 17-19	pp.1-8	
Week Two Jan 26 & 28	Nature of Preaching: Biblically	pp. 23-93		
Week Three Feb 2 & 4	Nature of Preaching: Historically		pp. 11-54	
Week Four Feb 9 & 11	Preparation for Preaching	pp. 95-135	pp. 55-98	
Feb 16	<b>Mardi Gras No Class</b>			
Week Five Feb 18	Process of Expository Preaching: Selecting and Analyzing a Text		pp. 101-161	

Week Six Feb 23 & 25	Process of Expository Preaching: Selecting and Analyzing a Text		pp. 163-218	
Week Seven Mar 2 & 4	Process of Expository Preaching: Using Preaching Resources	pp. 139-179		
Week Eight Mar 9 & 11	Process of Expository Preaching: Sermon Study			<b>Due March 9: “Background of the Book and Passage” section of ESP to Writing Center</b>
Mar 15-19	<b>Spring Break No Class</b>			
Week Nine Mar 23 & 25	Process of Expository Preaching: Sermon Development	pp. 181-247		<b>Due March 23: ESP</b>
Week Ten Mar 30 & Apr 1	Proclamation of Expository Sermons: Audience Analysis	pp. 313-349		
Week Eleven Apr 6 & 8	Proclamation of Expository Sermons: Sermon Design	pp. 251-282	pp. 243-293	
Week Twelve Apr 13 & 15	Proclamation of Expository Sermons: Sermon Delivery	pp. 283-311; 351-385	pp. 221-242	<b>Due April 13: 2 Colossian Sermon Briefs</b>
Week Thirteen Apr 20 & 22	Proclamation of Expository Sermons: Media and Technology	pp. 387-389		
Week Fourteen April 27 & 29	The Christian Preaching Ministry: Contemporary Problems and Challenges		pp. 295-301	
Week Fifteen May 4 & 6	Course Wrap-Up and Final Exam Prep			<b>Due May 4: Sermon Manuscript</b>
May 7-13	FINAL EXAM WEEK			<b>Final Exam – Must be submitted on Blackboard by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2021.</b>

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**SERMON BRIEF**  
Rhetorical Sermon Outline

Name:

Assignment:

Date Due:

**A. Foundational Elements**

1. Sermon Title (in quotation marks; headline capitalization style):
2. Text:
3. Subject (in one or two words--or as a short phrase):
4. ETS/CIT (Essence of the Text in a Sentence--also called the CIT, Central Idea of the Text; state in the past tense):
5. ESS/Proposition (Essence of the Sermon in a Sentence--also called the Proposition; do not state in the past tense):
6. OSS (Objective of the Sermon in a Sentence--state in terms of what hearers will **do** as a result of this sermon):  
Hearers will....

**B. Formal Elements**

Introduction (Note: the number of key summary sentences may vary in the Introduction outline below.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Body (Note: the number of main points and key sub-points may vary in the Body outline below.)

- I.
  - 1.
  - 2.
- II.
  - 1.
  - 2.
- III.
  - 1.
  - 2.

Conclusion (Note: the number of key summary sentences may vary in the Conclusion outline below.)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**C. Notes**

1. The number of points may **vary** within the formal elements from the numbers shown above.
2. All main points (i.e., I, II, etc.) in the sermon body outline **must** be referenced to the text (e.g., I. The Motive of Salvation, John 3:16a; II. The Means of Salvation, John 3:16b).
3. Write all sermon body main points in headline capitalization style (e.g., I. The Motive of Salvation). Write all lesser points under the main points in sentence capitalization style (e.g., 1. The love of God for the world).