

Michael Taylor (preaching, 2013), “Intentionally and Gracefully Incorrect: Recovering the Prophetic Preaching of Judgment and Righteousness in a Politically Correct World”

The modern concept of tolerance has birthed a way of speaking that is deemed “politically correct.” Speech patterns have been altered, words have taken on new meanings, and any form of exclusive language has become unacceptable. Politically correct speech presents a great danger if it enters the Christian pulpit. Striving to be politically correct in the pulpit will eventually strip gospel preaching of not only its power, but the gospel itself. The preacher of today who desires to proclaim the whole counsel of God must be intentionally and gracefully incorrect. Drawing upon the prophetic line of preaching, I contend that contemporary preachers must intentionally proclaim the judgment and righteousness of God. However, that proclamation must be coupled with a grace-filled call to repentance and redemption. This coupling provides the contemporary preacher a powerful means to articulate both God’s judgment of sin and His provision for sin.