

COURSE SYLLABUS – PT524
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PREACHING LAB 2
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Class Hours: 2

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Prerequisites: PT506, PT508, PT510

COURSE PURPOSE

A course taught in conjunction with Communication 2 that offers students opportunities to preach.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

Preach, preach, preach!

COURSE TEXT (REQUIRED)

Piper, John. *The Roots of Endurance: Invincible Perseverance in the Lives of John Newton, Charles Simeon, and William Wilberforce*. Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway, 2002.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. ATTENDANCE — Class attendance is mandatory. If a student anticipates an unavoidable absence, he should notify the instructor in advance. Each hour of unexcused absence subjects the student to reduction of his final grade by one-half of a letter grade. Students missing one or more session (for any reason other than sickness) may either submit an additional, compensatory assignment [determined by the instructor] or choose to receive a half letter grade reduction of their final grade for each hour missed. In the event of a planned absence, written work and memory verses must be submitted to the teaching assistant electronically by the start time of the class missed. In the event of absence due to sickness, arrangements must still be made with the TA to turn in those assignments that are due on the day that they are due.

2. SUBMISSIONS AND GRADES.

(a) Sermon Outlines and Preaching Evaluation (75%). The student will submit a homiletical outline *on the date he is scheduled to preach*. Late outlines will result in a 25-point reduction in your sermon grade.

At the end of your outline, identify commentaries and other aids you consulted. You must consult at least three commentaries, two of which must be technical commentaries. Failure to attach commentary list will result in an automatic 10-point grade reduction.

Later in this syllabus you will find the preaching evaluation form that I will use as I grade your sermons.

You will preach three (3) sermons from New Testament texts, one from each of the following: the Gospels, Acts, and Epistles. You may determine the order in which you preach from these texts.

(b) Presentation on the lives of John Newton, Charles Simeon, and William Wilberforce from *The Roots of Endurance* (25%).

You will submit an *eight (8) page presentation* on the lives and works of John Newton, Charles Simeon, and William Wilberforce. This written presentation should give a very brief overview of their lives and works, and practical lessons obtained from your reading that can be used in pastoral ministry and preaching. Brief quotations are permitted, but should be used sparingly. Block quotations are forbidden. This presentation is not a book review. I am interested in how you would introduce these men to your congregation, perhaps in a Sunday School class.

Turabian Formatting (15 pts): The paper is properly formatted (title page, section headings, margins, footnotes, quotations, etc.) according to Turabian. All presentations must be typed double-spaced using 12 pt. Times New Roman font and include page numbers. *A 10-point grade reduction will be applied to presentations that are not properly formatted.*

Depth of Paper (70 pts): Your paper must demonstrate clear and accessible communication, careful reading, and creativity.

Presentation of Paper (15 pts): Your paper must reflect good grammar, spelling, punctuation, and clarity of expression, and be written in an appropriate academic style.

Reading Report. *On your paper you will report if you have read the book in its entirety. Failure to read the entire book will result in a 25-point grade reduction.*

Your presentations must be posted on Canvas in pdf format by 11:59 p.m. Central Time on May 7. Papers will receive a letter grade reduction for each day late. Do not e-mail your papers to the TA or instructor.

3. PREACHING SCHEDULE. By January 15 the Teaching Assistant will e-mail those students who have signed up for the class with a preaching schedule for the first two weeks. After the class begins he will e-mail the class with a complete schedule for the rest of the semester (giving late students time to sign up and be included in the schedule). The schedule will only be revised because of sickness, emergency, or unavoidable travel. If you are unable to preach on the dates assigned to you, you are responsible to find a replacement and notify the Teaching Assistant and give the reason for the rescheduling. **Busy schedules are not a valid reason for changing your preaching date.**

If you are unprepared to speak, you will be assigned another date to preach and receive a 25-point reduction in your sermon grade.

4. GRADING SCALE -

97-100%	A
94-96%	A-
91-93%	B+
88-90%	B
86-87%	B-
83-85%	C+
80-82%	C
78-79%	C-
75-77%	D+
72-74%	D
70-71%	D-
0-69%	F

5. PREACHING YOUR SERMONS –

- (a) Your sermon must not exceed 20 minutes.
- (b) You must wear suit and tie when you preach.
- (c) For sermons one and two: You may bring your 150-word homiletical outline into the pulpit.
- (e) For sermon three: You will preach without notes.

6. ETTIQUETTE – Gentlemen are not to wear hats in the classroom.

7. CANVAS – Canvas is a tool that will be used to track student assignments and grades during the course of the semester. Students can access Canvas at <https://rts.instructure.com>. Students should check Canvas often, as announcements and updates to the syllabus will be posted there. Students should not expect e-mail updates for the class. Rather, any announcements (such as modifications to the syllabus) will be posted on Canvas.

8. ELECTRONIC DEVICES - Computers and tablets are not permitted in the classroom. Cell phones should be turned off and put away. Voice recorders are not permitted in class.

9. DISCLAIMER - The instructor reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus during the semester.

10. OFFICE HOURS – Monday through Thursday, by appointment or whenever my office door is open. My office is in the Dean Center attic.

11. COMMUNICATION 2 – This course is taken in conjunction with Communication 2 (PT522).

SERMON EVALUATION FORM

Name:

Date:

Sermon Text:

Grade: _____

1. Did the preacher submit a full manuscript? (Failure to submit a full sermon manuscript will result in a 25-point grade reduction). *Improperly formatted will result in a letter grade reduction.*

NOTE: SERMON MANUSCRIPTS ARE NOT REQUIRED IN PREACHING LAB 2.

2. Did the preacher submit a homiletical outline in keeping with the requirements of the syllabus, including a list of the commentaries consulted (see Syllabus, Course Requirements 3a)? **(10 pts)**

3. Did the preacher meet the dress requirements of the syllabus? (Failure to meet the dress requirement will result in a 25-point grade reduction).

4. Does the sermon contain a clear proposition or “big idea”? **(15 pts)**

5. Does the sermon contain an identifiable structure? (Introduction, proposition, main points, transitions, applications, illustrations, and conclusion.) **(15 pts)**

6. Is the exposition faithful to the text? Does the preacher carefully explain the text? Is there exegetical support for his points? **(20 pts)**

7. Do the illustrations illumine the point being made, or do they confuse, seem irrelevant, or take on a life of their own? Are the illustrations believable? Do they routinely come out of the preacher’s own experience and studies? **(10 pts)**

8. Are there applications of scripture to the life of the believer? Is there a clear connection between the application and the text? Are the applications realistic and grounded in the gospel? Are moral appeals harsh, or are they sensitive and gracious and aware of the believer’s dependence on the Holy Spirit? Is the preacher sympathetic to the struggles and temptations and failings of the believer? Is he proclaiming Christ as the believer’s all-sufficient Savior? **(10 pts)**

9. Is the preacher serious, earnest, and well prepared? Did he read the scripture well and reverently? **(10 pts)**

10. Are there any concerns about sermon delivery? (Eye contact, gestures, volume, cadence, etc.) **(10 pts)**

11. Did the preacher stay within his 20-minute time limit?

Additional comments:

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