

Methods of Sermon Presentation

[This lecture corresponds to assigned Reading #17:  
*Christ-centered Preaching*, 346-349.]

*For mid-term review:*

*What are some basic functions of transitions?*

*What is a dialogical transition?*

*What is the key wording beaoning behind "logical connection" transitions?*

*What is a "billboard" in a sermon; and, how is it used?*

Goal for this lesson: To understand the options a preacher has in preparing the materials` (notes, outlines, manuscripts, or ideas) necessary to present a sermon effectively.

**Introduction:** With so much to consider, what should you actually take with you into the pulpit when you preach?

**I. Types of Presentation Described:**

— Broadus lists three basic types of presentations, but sub-divides these:

A.

B.

C.

— Louis Paul Lehman's more comprehensive list:

A.

B.

C.

D.

## **II. Strengths and Weaknesses of the Types of Presentations Discussed:**

A. Preaching with the impromptu method:

B. Preaching extemporaneously from outlines:

1. Advantages

2. Disadvantages

C. Preaching from written manuscripts:

1. Advantages

2. Disadvantages

**CAUTION:** If you write, do so in "speaking style." This does not make sermons ready for publication, but it does ready them for pulpit presentation--which should be your primary goal.

### III. What Method Will We Follow?

### IV. Possible Approaches to Writing Manuscripts and Converting to a "Pulpit" Outline:

After writing out a manuscript . . .

- A. Put outline in key-word form in margin
  - B. Put outline in the manuscript
    - using highlighting, underlining, margin variation, and visual symbols to show main points and key words or passages within the manuscript.
  - C. Put outline on another piece of paper, after extracting it from the manuscript
    - Extensive
      - try to use consistent eye-catchers
      - keep main points from starting at the bottoms of pages (keeping main points on separate pages is a good idea)
      - keep lots of white space
      - write as large as you need to see, and to see distinctions
      - use margins well to indicate subordinate ideas in the outline
    - Bare-bones ( most easily placed in Bible, on note cards, or on middle-fold sheet)
  - D. Put outline in your mind (for most this requires memorizing concepts, not words)
- Hints on How To Preach from Memory (WHEN USING OUTLINE):**

*Conclusion:*

#### **Assignment for Next Class:**

Reading Assignment #18: *Christ-centered Preaching*, pp. 329-337.