

Why am I an Expositor?

A Rationale and Apology for
Expository Preaching



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Observation #3:

Expository preaching is applicational.

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Observation #4:

Expository preaching engages the whole person.

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James
1:3–4

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.



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4. It offers assurance that we are holding forth the Word of Life.



1 Peter
1:23–25

... you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.



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