



# Preaching Series

## The Value of Series

- Capture interest in timely topics and issues.
- Create interest. Use interesting titles which capture the attention of people.
- Interesting way to preach on difficult or needed topics.
- The preparation will do you good.

## Dangers of Series

- If not timely, people tire of them. (When this happens take a break.)
- Lessons tend to be long to cover material.
- Preached at wrong time. Is it better on Sunday morning or Sunday evening?

## Essentials for Preaching Series

- Thorough knowledge of the subject. Complete most of your preparation before beginning the series.
- Ability to organize and effectively present material.
- Visuals or handouts may be helpful. They should be aids, not distractions.



# Examples of Series

## Books of the Bible

- A brief survey of major books of the Bible. Perhaps monthly. Prepare summary or brief outline for the audience.
- Or – series of lessons on a single book.
- ***The goal is to work yourself out of a job!***

## The Home as God Would Have It

- God's Plan for the Home
- Headship and Submission
- The Husband in the Home
- The Wife in the Home
- Children in the Home
- Problem Areas in Marriage
- The Parent-Child Relationship

## Did Ancient Prophets Foretell the Future

- Lessons on fulfilled prophecy. See *Introduction to Christian Evidences*, 87-107. Israel; Egypt; Nineveh; Babylon; Tyre; the Messiah.

## How We Got the Bible

- See *Introduction to Christian Evidences*, 74-84. Update with recent info.

### Archaeology and Bible History

- See *Introduction to Christian Evidences*, 58-67. Update. Two recent books: Alfred Hoerth, *Archaeology and the Old Testament* (Baker); John McRay, *Archaeology and the New Testament* (Baker).

### Christian Evidences or The Defense of the Faith

- See *Introduction to Christian Evidences* for ideas.

### Is the End Near? (Eschatology)

- Essentials as the Church Faces Y2K
- Will Israel Find Peace? (Promises to Abraham).
- Will Jesus Return to Earth? (Promises regarding throne of David; kingdom, etc.)
- The Tribulation of Matthew 24
- The Second Coming of Christ
- Much of this material is found in *The Theme of the Bible* and in *The Mid-East Conflict and the Bible*. Some outlines and charts may be found at [bibleworld.com](http://bibleworld.com)

### Major Denominational Doctrines

- Total Depravity
- Election and Predestination
- Premillennialism
- The New Birth
- The Holy Spirit in Conversion

### Church History or The Church Through the Centuries

- Use basic lessons: Doctrines which led away from the faith; Origin of Catholicism; the Reformation; the Restoration, etc. Study well, but use something like John D. Cox, *Church History* for ideas on content of lessons.
- **Warning.** People tire quickly of the reading of long quotations.

### Basic Bible Doctrines or Fundamentals of the Faith

- Faith, Works, Grace
- The Holy Spirit. See *The Finger of God*.
- Where Are the Dead?

### First Principles

- The Bible
- Distinguishing the Two Covenants
- The Establishment of the Church
- Identifying the New Testament Church (the Church Built by Christ).
- What Must I Do to be Saved? Or a case of conversion from Acts.

### How to Establish Bible Authority or How to Determine What Pleases God

- See *Biblical Authority*.

### Introducing the Son of Man to the Sons of Men

- I have preached lessons from John using this title. Study major things people said about Jesus or the claims He made for Himself.
- Another series might discuss major events from the life of Christ. Birth and Early Years; Baptism and Temptation; Highlights of Ministry; Death; Resurrection and Ascension.

### The “I Am’s” of Christ

- Bread of Life; Good Shepherd; True Vine; The King; The Last “I Am” of Jesus (Rev. 22:16).

### The Christian Faces Modern Problems

- Deal with current problems. The problems may depend to a great degree on the constituency of your congregation.
- Or — The Young Christian Faces Modern Problems.

### Bible Characters

- See George L. Robinson, *Leaders of Israel*.
- New Testament Characters: Peter; John; Paul; James – the Lord’s Brother; Lesser Characters; Paul’s Associates; etc.

### Church Leadership

- Principles found in Ezra and Nehemiah. Or, those in 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus.

### The Church Built by Christ or Can the New Testament Church be Found Today?

- Lessons on the identity of the New Testament church. See *The Early Church*.

### The Scheme of Redemption or God’s Eternal Plan

- See *The Theme of the Bible*. I use a six lesson series with the following topics: In the Beginning; The Promises to Abraham; An Overview of the Scheme of Redemption (lesson 13); Christ; the Church; Future Events.

### The Seven Churches of Revelation

- See *Studies in the Book of Revelation* for detailed outlines.



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