Persuasive Preaching

How can we preach and teach persuasively? What are the biggest challenges to persuasive preaching and what questions are believers and non-believers asking that we must address? This talk will give an overview of persuasive preaching and offer some basic principles to do so effectively.

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I. Introduction

II. What is Persuasive Preaching?

- 1. Defence/Proclamation/Explanation/Invitation
- 2. Rational/Emotional/Spiritual
- 3. Biblical/Contemporary/Christocentric
- 4. Radical/Real/Relational

III. Poor Preaching

- 1. Wrong Motivation
- 2. Poor Theology

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IV. Some Apologetic Questions

- 1. Where can I find God?
- 2. What is God like?
- 3. Why does God not act?

V. Some Apologetic Books

VI. Some Apologetic Principles

- 1. Be Patient and Persevere
- 2. Keep a Good Conscience
- 3. Treasure the Word of God

Suggested Reading

John Stott – *I Believe in Preaching* – Hodder, 1982. Sam Logan (ed) – *Preaching* – Evangelical Press, 1986 David Eby – *Power Preaching for Church Growth* – Mentor, 1996 Jack Hughes – *Expository Preaching with Word Pictures* – Christian Focus, 2001 David Robertson – *Awakening* – Christian Focus 2010