

Foundational Principles:

- Expository sermons are sermons that expose/explain the true meaning of the biblical text in a compelling manner and apply that meaning to the lives of the hearers.
- General Rule of Interpretation: Every text has one meaning, but many applications.

Two Sub-steps to Structuring the Text:

1. Diagram the passage
2. Outline the passage

Sub-step #1: Diagram the Passage**Scripture Diagramming General Principles**

- When you diagram a passage of Scripture, you are concerned with diagramming the grammar.
- Start with the basics.
 - What is the subject (if it's stated)?
 - What is the main verb?
 - Are there transitional markers and/or structural indicators? (and, or, but, therefore, etc.)
- Example: Romans 6:23
 - "For the wages of sin is death..."
 - Transitional marker:
 - Subject:
 - Verb:
 - "but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
 - Transitional marker:
 - Subject:
 - Verb:
- Sample Diagram:

