

Guidelines for Candidacy Sermons

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The potential candidate shall submit typewritten sermons on the assigned texts, including outline, background study, and bibliography.

I. Form

A. The sermons should be double-spaced with no less than one inch margin all around.

B. The sermons should be faced with a title page, including the title or theme; the textual reference; the author's name; and the date of the examination.

C. All pages, exclusive of the title page, must be numbered -- i, ii, etc., for introductory material, and 1,2,3, etc., for pages of the sermon proper.

D. An outline of the sermon as follows (minimum of one page):

Scripture Lesson: (reference)

Text: (reference)

Sermon Aim:

Introduction:

Theme/Title:

I.

A.

1.

2.

B.

II.

Conclusion:

E. An exegetical study to include word study, grammar, and contextual analysis (minimum of two pages).

F. A bibliography

II. Content and Style

A. The sermon must reflect that it is based on exegetical study, but it shall not be an exegetical treatise.

B. The sermon must be written in the style that the writer would use if he were delivering the sermon in public worship.

C. The minimum acceptable length of the manuscript is 2,000 words.