

**Golden mean of preaching**  
**On a constant tension between the form and the content of preaching**  
**the Word of God**

Summary

Systematic renewal of preaching has been going on throughout ages and is still in progress through systematic strengthening of theological bases of preaching, renewed content of the preached word and renewed form of preaching utterance. The history of preaching shows that in its particular periods, although one tried to pay attention to renewal of the whole preaching, a dominant tendency was to emphasise only one of the both sides of the theory of preaching. This paper describes the constant tension between the form and the content of the preaching service of the Word of God. After introduction of terminological issues the author presents history of specific periods of preaching in which one of the above mentioned aspects was treated with a peculiar care. Eventually conclusions and suggestions were formulated concerning renewal of the form and the content of the contemporary preaching.