

# EVANGELISM

## 1. WHAT IS EVANGELISM?

- A. The Greek word from which we get our English word "evangelism" simply means to "tell" or "announce the good news". The only "good news" in this world of darkness (Satan's kingdom) the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

**Acts 1:8**

- B. Jesus is our example in evangelism. Jesus is evangelism in action.

"From that time Jesus began to preach and say, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!'" **Matthew 4:17**

## 2. WHY IS THE GOOD NEWS NECESSARY?

- A. The "good news" is necessary because all have a rendezvous with death.

"And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment." **Hebrews 9:27**

- B. The "good news" is necessary because all are alienated from the life of God.

"Being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart." **Ephesians 4:18**

- C. The "good news" is necessary because all have sinned. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." **Romans 6:23**

## 3. WHAT IS THE "GOOD NEWS"?

- A. God took the initiative in bringing men back into fellowship with Himself by sending Jesus Christ to be the Head of a new race.

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." **Romans 5:8**

- B. Jesus Christ is the way into relationship and fellowship with the Father in the kingdom.

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me!'" **John 14:6**

- C. All who receive Christ as Savior, accept the finished work of Calvary as the only way of salvation, repent of their sins and acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus Christ, receive the new birth experience and are born into Christ.

"That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." **Romans 10:9**

#### **4. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE TO TELL THE "GOOD NEWS"?**

- A. God's way of salvation is not discovered by man; it comes to him by revelation and must be preached to him from the revealed Word of God.

"How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!'" **Romans 10:14-15**

- B. Spreading the Gospel has been entrusted to the church (the Great Commission).

"And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age'." **Matthew 28:18-20**

- C. All believers are responsible to respond to the command of Jesus.

"And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation'." **Mark 16:15**

#### **5. WHAT IS GOD'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE BELIEVER AND THEIR CARRYING OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION?**

"When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die'; and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand'." **Ezekiel 3:18**

#### **6. WHAT DOES THE NEW TESTAMENT TEACH US ABOUT OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO TELL THE GOOD NEWS?**

- A. One of the primary ministries of Jesus was to evangelize.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim

release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are downtrodden ..." **Luke 4:18**

B. The ministry of those sent out by Jesus was to evangelize.

"And departing, they began going about among the villages, preaching the gospel, and healing everywhere." **Luke 9:6**

C. The early church recognized its responsibility to evangelism.

"And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ."  
**Acts 5:42**

D. The "good news" is to be spread abroad by His people, for this is God's chosen way.

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." **II Corinthians 5:20**

E. There is necessity that we all be involved in evangelism.

"For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel."  
**I Corinthians 9:16**

F. Paul encourages evangelism beyond our borders.

"For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything." **I Thessalonians 1:8**