

Evangelism and Our Role in the Gospel

Passages to Consider:

1. The Gospel Message:

1. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4,11 "3 For I **delivered to you** as of **first importance** what I also received: that **Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,** **4 that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,** ...
11 Whether then it was I or they, so **we preach** and so **you believed!**"
2. John 3:16 "16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

2. The Gospel Problem:

1. Romans 10:15, "And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

3. The Gospel Plan:

1. 1 Corinthians 3:5-9 "What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building."

4. The Gospel Examples:

1. 1 Peter 2:21 "For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in His steps."
2. 2 Timothy 1:13 "Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus."
3. 1 Corinthians 11:1 "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ."

5. The Gospel Commands:

1. Mark 16:15-16 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.
2. Matthew 28:18-20 "And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. **19** [a]Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to [b]follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you [c]always, to the end of the age."
3. Ephesians 6:15 "Lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of

peace."

4. 2 Timothy 4:5 "As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully."
5. 1 Peter 3:15-16 "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander."

6. **The Gospel Warnings:**

1. Mark 8:38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."
2. Luke 12:8-9 "I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God.
3. "To him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).
4. "For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin." Romans 14:23b

7. **The Gospel's Power:**

1. Romans 1:16-17 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is God's saving power for everyone who believes, [a] for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith, as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith.""
2. Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."
3. Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
4. 2 Timothy 1:7-8 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.

8. **The Gospel's Help:**

1. Luke 12:12 "...for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say."
2. John 14:26 "But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

3. John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

9. **The Gospel's Patience:**

1. Galatians 6:9 "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

10. **The Gospel's Prayer:**

1. Philemon 1:6 and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.

11. **The Gospel's Willingness:**

1. 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 "If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! **17** For if I do this of my own will, I have a wage, but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. **18** What then is my wage? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. **19** For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might gain all the more. **20** To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to gain Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might gain those under the law. **21** To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not outside God's law but am within Christ's law) so that I might gain those outside the law. **22** To the weak I became weak, so that I might gain the weak. **I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I might become a partner in it.**

12. **The Gospel's Approach:**

1. **In Private:** Acts 16:30-33 "Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, **what must I do to be saved?"** 31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and **your household.**" 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family."
2. 2 Corinthians 5:11 "Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we **persuade** others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience."
3. **In Public:** Acts 17:1-5 " Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. 2 And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he **reasoned with them from the**

Scriptures, 3 explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." 4 And some of them were **persuaded** and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women."

4. Acts 17:10-12 "The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. 11 Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they *received the word with all eagerness*, **examining the Scriptures daily** to see if these things were so. 12 **Many of them therefore believed**, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men."
5. Acts 17:16 "Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, **his spirit was provoked within him** as he saw that the city was full of idols. 17 So he **reasoned** in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the **marketplace every day with those who happened to be there**. 18 Some of the Epicurean and Stoic **philosophers** also **conversed with him**. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a **preacher** of foreign divinities"—because **he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection**."
6. Acts 8:26-40 "Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "**Rise and go** toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. 27 **And he rose and went**. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 **And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot."** 30 **So Philip ran to him** and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and **beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus**. 36 And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" 38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and **as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns** until he came to Caesarea.

13. The Gospel's Process:

1. Romans 10:17 "So faith comes from **hearing**, and **hearing through the word of Christ.**"
2. John 10:3b "The sheep hear His voice, and He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."
3. John 10:4b-5 "He goes before them, and the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice. A stranger they will not follow..."
4. John 10:8 "All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them"
5. John 10:14-16 "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know Me, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. and I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."
6. John 10:27-28 "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand."
7. 1 Corinthians 15:11 "so **we preach** and so **you believed**."

14. The Gospel's Tool:

1. 1 John 5:10-12 "Whoever believes in the Son of God has the **testimony** in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the **testimony** that God has borne concerning his Son. 11 And this is the **testimony**, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."
2. 2 Thessalonians 1:10 "when He comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our **testimony** to you was believed."
3. Revelation 12:11 "And they have conquered him by **the blood of the Lamb** and **by the word of their testimony**, for **they loved not their lives even unto death.**"

15. The Gospel's Ministry:

1. 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 "From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us **the ministry of reconciliation**; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us **the message of reconciliation**. 20 **Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ**, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf

of Christ, be reconciled to God. 21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, **so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**"

16. The Gospel's Response:

1. Acts 17:32 "Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, **some mocked**. But **others said, "We will hear you again about this."** 33 So Paul went out from their midst. 34 But **some men joined him and believed**, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them."

Evangelism and Our Role in the Gospel

Passages to Consider:

1. The Gospel Message:
 1. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4,11
 2. John 3:16 "16
2. The Gospel Problem:
 1. Romans 10:15
3. The Gospel Plan:
 1. 1 Corinthians 3:5-9
4. The Gospel Examples:
 1. 1 Peter 2:21
 2. 2 Timothy 1:13
 3. 1 Corinthians 11:1
5. The Gospel Commands:
 1. Mark 16:15-16
 2. Matthew 28:18-20
 3. Ephesians 6:15
 4. 2 Timothy 4:5
 5. 1 Peter 3:15-16
6. The Gospel Warnings:
 1. Mark 8:38
 2. Luke 12:8-9
 3. James 4:17
 4. Romans 14:23b
7. The Gospel's Power:
 1. Romans 1:16-17
 2. Deuteronomy 31:6
 3. Isaiah 41:10
 4. 2 Timothy 1:7-8
8. The Gospel's Help:
 1. Luke 12:12
 2. John 14:26
 3. John 15:5
9. The Gospel's Patience:

1. Galatians 6:9
10. The Gospel's Prayer:
 1. Philemon 1:6
11. The Gospel's Willingness:
 1. 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
 4. Acts 17:10-12
 5. Acts 17:16
 6. Acts 8:26-40
13. The Gospel's Process:
 1. Romans 10:17
 2. John 10:3b
 3. John 10:4b-5
 4. John 10:8
 5. John 10:14-16
 6. John 10:27-28
 7. 1 Corinthians 15:11
14. The Gospel's Tool:
 1. 1 John 5:10-12
 2. 2 Thessalonians 1:10
 3. Revelation 12:11
15. The Gospel's Ministry:
 1. 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
16. The Gospel's Response:
 1. Acts 17:32