

EVANGELISM: THE GREAT COMMISSION

Memory Verse:

Matthew 28:19-20

"...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you..."

The Greek word from which we get our English word evangelism simply means to tell or announce the gospel, the "good news" of Jesus Christ.

1. What is the condition of man without Christ? (Romans 3:9-18, Ephesians 4:18)

2. What are we by nature? (Ephesians 2:3)

3. What is every person's destiny? (Hebrews 9:27)

4. What will happen to everyone who rejects Christ and dies without Him? (Revelation 20:13-15, 21:8)

5. To what lengths did Jesus advise us to go to avoid this fate? (Matthew 5:29-30)

6. What did God say to Ezekiel about believers' responsibility to warn people about the judgment to come? (Ezekiel 3:18)

7. What did Jesus say about the harvest and the workers? (John 4:35, Matthew 9:37)

8. For what did the Lord tell us to pray? (Matthew 9:38)

9. Why did the Father give Jesus? (John 3:16-17)

We have a two-fold reason to preach the Gospel. One is the terrible reality of hell and our responsibility to love people enough to do everything in our power to ensure that they never experience its torments. The second, and perhaps even greater reason, is that God longs for sinners to be saved so badly He was willing to die for them. God's heart breaks for the lost, and every time we reach someone for Christ, God is blessed and overjoyed more than we can imagine.

10. Why did Jesus say He came? (Luke 19:10)

11. When we turn a sinner from the error of his ways, what are we doing? (James 5:20)

12. How did Jesus summarize the good news? (Luke 24:45-48)

13. To whom did Jesus command us to preach the Gospel? (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15)

14. How does Paul define the gospel? (I Corinthians 15:1-5)

15. What does the scripture say that the Holy Spirit anointed Jesus (and His followers) to preach? (Isaiah 61:1-3, Luke 4:17-19). _____

We see that the Gospel is the solution to every one of mankind's problems. The Good News is that through Christ's death and resurrection God has provided for us forgiveness of sins, freedom from the practice of sin, healing of our sicknesses, infirmities, and diseases, freedom from every form of addiction and deliverance from every emotional, spiritual and relational problem under the sun!

16. How has God declared that people are to come to a saving faith in Christ? (Romans 10:14-15)

17. What does a wise Christian do? (Proverbs 11:30)

18. What does Paul say that he did in preaching the gospel and why? (I Corinthians 9:19-23)

19. What has God given and committed to us? (II Corinthians 5:18-19)

20. What then is to be our attitude in preaching the gospel? (II Corinthians 5:20)

21. What will happen if we confess Christ before men? If we deny Him? (Matthew 10:32-33)

22. Therefore, what does Jesus tell us to do? (Matthew 10:27-28)

23. What will happen to those who turn many to righteousness? (Daniel 12:3)

24. What did Jesus say we must we have to successfully complete our call of preaching the gospel? (Luke 24:48-49, Acts 1:8)

In our own strength, we lack the love, power and courage to be the witnesses and preach the gospel as Christ commands us to. We must be baptized and filled continually with the Holy Spirit in order to fulfill the Great Commission.

Compare Peter's experience in Mark 14:66-72 with that of Acts 2:14-41. In one circumstance He blatantly and cowardly denied Christ in front of a few people. Then, only about seven weeks later, he boldly and fearlessly preached Christ to thousands. The difference was his being filled with the Holy Spirit!

25. What happened when the disciples prayed for grace and boldness to preach the gospel? (Acts 4:29-31)

26. When Jesus called His disciples to forsake all and follow Him, what promise did He give them? (Matthew 4:19)

27. What promise did Jesus make to those who give themselves to fulfilling the Great Commission? (Matthew 28:20)
