Evangelism A Mission of the Church

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INTRODUCTION

- Evangelism is one of the works of the church.
- Well, it is the work of the church financially to support preachers, but the work of evangelism is more than that.

1 Defining Evangelism

Romans 10:15; Acts 21:8; Ephesians 4:11

- The new Oxford American Dictionary defines it as the spreading of the Christian gospel by public preaching or personal witness.
- How will they preach unless they are sent, just as it is written? How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things.
- Basically, in these contexts, evangelism is the teaching of the gospel to the lost.

2 Not All Christians Are Expected to Be Teachers

James 3:1

- Evangelism, in its technical sense, is not commanded of every Christian.
- But who was that actually said directly to? It was said to the apostles. That was their special commission.
- Let not many of you be teachers, become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.
- So if you teach nobody else, train your children, that's evangelism.

3 Many Christians Should Be Teachers

Hebrews 5:12; Acts 8:4; Luke 10:2

- There are many Christians who should be teachers that are not teachers.
- For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God.
- Therefore, those who have been scattered went about preaching the word.
- The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

4 Every Christian Is in the Business of Soul Saving

John 4:28–29; Matthew 5:14–16; 1 Peter 3:1–2

- Brethren, what we need is we need more people who are willing to just leave their water pots.
- You have a story that nobody else has. And you can tell that story to others.
- Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works. And glorify your Father who is in heaven.

- Her example was teaching. And her example could result in the salvation of her husband without a word.
- Not everyone is a teacher, but everyone can tell their story. Everyone can shine his lights. Everyone must confess Christ before men, and everyone must give an answer to those who question.

5 Everyone Doing Their Part

Ephesians 4:16

- Therefore, evangelism is an action that the people of God, individual Christians, should be actively participating in some form or fashion.
- And dropping your check in the plate is not enough.
- From whom the whole body being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body.

6 Teachers Teaching Others to Teach

2 Timothy 2:2; Colossians 1:23

- The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, and trust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
- But it's the power of multiplication, teaching others to teach.
- We are saved to serve, taught to teach, won to win.
- Evangelism is not complete until the evangelized become the evangelists.

THE CHALLENGE

And he wants us to be involved in saving those who are lost and forget the excuses. These people are drowning. They're dying. They need us. And so we need to get back to our mission of saving souls that are lost.

MY NOTES