

# EVANGELISM THROUGH THE BIBLE

## EVANGELISM DISPENSATIONALLY CONSIDERED

*"But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions,  
do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.*

~ 2 Timothy 4:5

### 1. Evangelism

- a. Evangelize ~ *def.* Preach the gospel; publish, declare, make known w/intent to convert
- b. Evangelist 3x – Acts 21:8, Eph 4:11, 2 Tim 4:5
- c. Preaching - Lk 1:19, 2:10, 4:18, 9:6, 20:1, Acts 8:35, 10:36, 14:7, 1Co 1:17, Eph 3:8

### 2. Dispensationally Considered

- a. In the beginning, there was little revealed, and so little to make known – Gen 12:3
- b. Glory of a Nation under the law - Deu 4:6-7, 7:2-4
  - i. Solomon's wisdom and blessing Israel – 1 Kings 4:1, 29-34, 5:1-8
  - ii. The Gentiles shall seek rest – Isa 11:1-2, 10:11
  - iii. A light to the Gentiles – Isa 49:6-7, 60:1-3, 61:6
  - iv. The service of God (to the world); Israelites were God's evangelists – Rom 9:4
- c. Kingdom Blessing going into a kingdom – Matt 3:1-2
  - i. Fishers of men and follow me – Matt 4:19-20; Luke 9:61-62
  - ii. Take up your cross – Matt 16:24, 10:21
  - iii. Light of the world – Matt 5:14-17 (*prooftext for lifestyle evangelism*)
  - iv. Forsake all, sell all – Matt 19:27-29, Luke 12:33, 18:22 (*Chan, Crazy Love*)
  - v. Begin at Jerusalem – Luke 24:46-47 (how do *you* obey Matt 10:5-6?)
  - vi. With signs following – Mark 16:15-20 (show the miraculous)
  - vii. Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, then beyond – Acts 1:8 (neighborhood method)
- d. Foolishness of Preaching – under grace
  - i. Paul does not start in Jerusalem – Gal 1:16-18, 22
  - ii. The foolishness of preaching the cross - 1 Corinthians 1:18, 21-26, 2:2
  - iii. Speak! – Titus 2:1, Col 4:3-4 – It takes words! Specific words – Col 4:5-6
  - iv. Whom we teach, preach, make known - Col 1:27-28, Rom 16:25
  - v. Paul's pattern of evangelism - 2 Tim 1:11,13, 3:10, 4:2-8

### 3. The Method

- i. We need sincerity, people who care - 2 Cor 2:17, 8:8, Eph 6:24, 1 Tim 1:5
- ii. Without sincerity it appears flippant (marketing) or pretentious (showy)
- b. What NOT to do:
  - i. Make it harder than it is – 1 Cor 2:2, 2 Cor 11:3
  - ii. Sugar coat it – (Testa-Mints, no sin, you're not wrong, self-esteem)
  - iii. Bait and Switch – Free car wash! (and hear the gospel)
  - iv. Water it down – Jesus loves you! – (John 3:5)
  - v. Make light of it – (focusing on "decisions", prayers, or raised hands)
  - vi. Make it temporal – God wants you to have better gas mileage
- c. We are not selling something but delivering the right information w/right heart.
- d. You don't control their belief – you choose to do your work: evangelism – 2 Cor 5:21