

## Evangelism – Lesson Two – “Why”

### Evangelism

- **Evangelism is the work of an evangelist; the preaching** or promulgation of the gospel; missionary zeal, purpose, or activity.
- The practice of evangelism is spreading the good news about Jesus (for the purpose of causing men and women to believe)

"Evangelism is not salesmanship. It is not urging people, pressing them, coercing them, overwhelming them, or subduing them. Evangelism is telling a message. Evangelism is reporting good news." – Richard C. Halverson

“One thing I have observed in all my years of ministry is that the most effective and important aspects of evangelism usually take place on an individual, personal level. Most people do not come to Christ as an immediate response to a sermon they hear in a crowded setting. They come to Christ because of the influence of an individual.” - John MacArthur

“Evangelism is not an option for the Christian life.” - Luis Palau

- In last week’s lesson, the introduction to Evangelism, we learned **“what”** evangelism is, the meaning of evangelism. We also discussed what evangelism is not.
- We discovered that evangelism does not have a specific form, but can be one using many different methods. It can be done traditionally, through crusades (revivals), expository preaching, etc. It can be done by the mom who uses Bible crafts in a play group with children. It can be done through conversation around the dinner table with siblings, in theatrical productions (church plays), through recreation (C.L.E.A.R.), and countless other ways.
- Evangelism is the work of Reconciliation - relaying the message of Reconciliation – telling what Jesus Christ has done for us.

Today, we will examine the **“why”** of evangelism and why we are compelled to do it. In short, the Word of God instructs us to.

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[Daniel 12:3](#) ESV

And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

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[Ezekiel 3:17-19](#) ESV

"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

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[Matthew 28:18-20](#) ESV

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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[Mark 16:15-16](#) ESV

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

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[Luke 4:18-19](#) ESV

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

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[Luke 13:3](#) ESV

No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

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[Luke 24:47](#) ESV

And that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

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[John 4:36-38](#) ESV

Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

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[John 5:24](#) ESV

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

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[John 12:26](#) ESV

If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

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[Romans 2:6-16](#) ESV

He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek.

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[Romans 3:23](#) ESV

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

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[Ephesians 2:10](#) ESV

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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[Ephesians 4:11-12](#) ESV

And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

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[Colossians 1:28](#) ESV

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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[1 Peter 3:15](#) ESV

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

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[2 Peter 3:9](#) ESV

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

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[2 Thessalonians 2:14-15](#) ESV

To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

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[2 Timothy 4:5](#) ESV

As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.