

2018 - Evangelism Part 10 - 2018-04-01

Call to Worship: Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. (17) For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

Scripture Reading: Joel 2:21-32

Sermon: "Evangelism Part 10" Acts 6:2-4; 2 Timothy 4:2; 2 Timothy 2:2

Benediction: Romans 16:25-27

INTRODUCTION

Evangelism

There was the evangelizing of those of the first generation, who have now gone back to heaven, or whose souls have gone on to heaven:

- the angels, who evangelized
- John the Baptist, who evangelized
- our Lord Jesus Himself, who evangelized
- the apostles, like Paul and Peter, who evangelized
- the evangelists, like Philip, who evangelized
- unnamed men, who were scattered by persecution, and went everywhere evangelizing

From the biblical record of those who evangelized, we know what the evangel is, which they evangelized. It all has to do with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the sake of sinner, that now all who believe in Him and repent are forgiven their sins and filled with the Holy Spirit.

There is the constant work of participating in evangelism by endorsing the evangel with our lives of good works, so that those who have been evangelized, but who have not yet believed the evangel that they have heard, may be won over by the godly conduct of those who believe.

There is the day-to-day way of living, involving both our godly actions and our godly speech, by which every Christian keeps himself ready to give an evangelistic answer to anyone who asks the reason for our hope.

There is the day-in-and-day-out living in love toward God, obeying and teaching his commandments in our own homes, by which, in due time, our children may ask us questions about our religion, and we may be ready to answer them, evangelizing the great work the Lord Jesus has done for us sinners, leading us out of Egypt into the promised land.

These aspects of evangelism we have seen in the bible the past nine weeks. Today, in conclusion, we consider one more aspect of evangelism, which is the ongoing preaching and teaching by the present generation of church pastors, and other gifted brothers, which is evangelistic, and in which the whole church takes part.

Our Lord has not allowed evangelism to die out with those who evangelized in that first generation, but has put in place a simple church structure in which the men of every generation evangelize.

TEXT and BODY

- I. The Apostles Ordained that Every Church Have Elders or Pastors
 - A. Seen in the scriptures
 1. first missionary journey of Paul and Barnabas Acts 14:23 So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.
 2. Titus 1:5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you--
 - B. Our understanding of the main duty of the church pastor is derived from the apostles' words when they served as the pastors of the original church in Jerusalem
 1. Acts 6:2-4 Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. (3) Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; (4) but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."
 2. 1689.26.10 The work of pastors being constantly to attend the service of Christ, in His churches, in the ministry of the Word and prayer, with watching for souls . . .
 - C. That ministry of the word in the case of church pastors is not described in the bible as "evangelizing" *per se*, but as "teaching"
 1. Titus 1:9 holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine [instruction, teaching], both to exhort and convict those who contradict
 - D. That ministry of the word by church pastors is also described as "preaching the word"
 1. 2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.
 2. 1689.26.11 ... it be incumbent on the bishops or pastors of the churches, to be instant in preaching the Word, by way of office ...

- II. The Evangel, the Good News that Is to Be Evangelized, Is Maintained and Passed On By These Pastors
 - A. 2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
 - B. We recognize that there are sometimes brothers in the church who might preach the word, but who are not set in the office of elder or pastor.
 - 1. 1689.26.11 Although it be incumbent on the bishops or pastors of the churches, to be instant in preaching the word, by way of office, yet the work of preaching the word is not so peculiarly confined to them but that others also gifted and fitted by the Holy Spirit for it, and approved and called by the church, may and ought to perform it.
 - 2. much of what is said here about pastors applies to such gifted brothers, also; but we will save that subject for another time
- III. From Among These Pastors, Some Can Be Sent to Evangelize Where the Evangel Is Little Known
 - A. Acts 13:1-3 Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. (2) As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." (3) Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.
 - B. This subject, sending men off to evangelize in other places, is certainly related to the subject we are studying, Evangelism. But it is also another subject, Missions, which I do not intend to go into now.
- IV. In This Ongoing Ministry of the Word By the Pastors Our Lord Jesus Has Given, There Is Evangelistic Work for the Whole Church
 - A. The work of producing men qualified for such evangelistic preaching and teaching
 - 1. Only if he is judged to be qualified may a man serve as a church elder.
 - a) Church elders are to be chosen only from among men who are blameless
 - (1) 1 Tim 3:2 a bishop, then, **must be** blameless
 - (2) Titus 1:5b-6a appoint elders in every city as I commanded you---**IF** a man is blameless
 - b) Church elders are to be chosen only from among men who are blameless and capable of the primary function of an elder
 - (1) 1 Tim 3:2 "able to teach" KJV: "apt to teach"
 - (2) Titus 1:9 holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort, and convict those who contradict
 - 2. Such qualified men do not appear magically out of thin air, but must be made; of course the Lord God Himself makes them, but He uses us, by the normal means, to make them

- a) Such a man must be born in the first place; some woman must devote herself to bearing and caring for that baby
- b) That young woman should be trained for her duties by the example and instruction of the older women
- c) Such a man must be provided for as he grows up; some man must earn his family's living to provide for that child and his mother
- d) It is best if that child is taught to fear the Lord, taught what the scriptures say even as a child
 - (1) such a start in life can help make him ready to be a qualified man while he is still a young man, as Timothy
 - (2) the father and mother, especially, but also others, should teach the child what the bible says
- e) Since boys admire young men, and often immitate them, the young men in the church should be serious rather than silly about the Lord, setting a good example for him to follow
- f) The older men should show the boy or younger man what it is to be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, loving, patient
- g) The church elders, and other gifted brothers who stand before the congregation to preach and teach, should faithfully declare the truths of the faith, as they have been faithfully taught, so boys and men can learn them, become convinced of them, and get ready to preach and teach to others
- h) The man himself must work hard to get qualified
 - (1) walking by the Spirit, putting to death the desires of the flesh
 - (2) studying the scriptures, to know well what the Bible teaches us
 - (a) the truth about the Lord Jesus has done for us
 - (b) the truth about people as sinners in need of salvation
 - (c) the truth about what the Lord commands us to do
- i) Since all of this cannot be done unless the Lord help us, we should pray to Him for His help in this work
- j) Since only the Holy Spirit can do the necessary work inside the man's heart, we should pray to Him that He will do so
- k) Since it is only the Lord of the Harvest, ultimately, who can send forth workers into His harvest field, let us pray that He will do so

B. The work of supporting them in their evangelistic preaching

- 1. giving of money; paying of salary and expenses: 1 Corinthians 9:14 Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.
- 2. prayer: Ephesians 6:18-20 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance

and supplication for all the saints-- (19) and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, (20) for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

3. ministry of deacons (Acts 6:2-4, read earlier)
 4. help of a godly wife
- C. The work of bringing the lost to hear the preaching and teaching
1. your own household
 2. others you invite

CONCLUSION

Are you evangelistic?

yes, there are three main meetings of the church every week, and the truths of the faith are put forth at each; I pray for the men who preach and teach at these meetings; I help pay their expenses, so they can continue to do so; I attend the meetings myself, and bring the unbelievers in my household to them, so they can be evangelized

What does your church do for evangelism? We strive to evangelize:

not in special events, but in everyday tasks
not by going somewhere, but by staying where we are
not by taking radical measures, but moderate
not by changing the gospel, but by preserving it
not by some new or innovative approach taught in the latest book, but by the old approach taught in the oldest book

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INTRODUCTION

We have talked about that secondary aspect of evangelism which is the church's efforts to overcome unbelief in the hearers of the gospel, so they who have been evangelized will also believe and be saved.

We have surveyed the New Testament to see the records of evangelism taking place, and the apostles' doctrine of evangelism in their letters.

We have talked about the ways the individual Christian is to speak in daily life, so that what he says is essentially evangelism.

TEXT

BODY

- I. The Expression Is "Taught and Evangelized" or "Teaching and Evangelizing"
 - A. The Lord Jesus Himself: Luke 20:1 Now it happened on one of those days, as He **taught [G1321 didasko]** the people in the temple and ~~preached the gospel~~ **[evangelized]**, that the chief priests and the scribes, together with the elders, confronted Him
 - B. Peter and the other apostles in the early days in Jerusalem: Acts 5:42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease **teaching [G1321 didasko]** and ~~preaching~~ **[evangelizing]** Jesus as the Christ.
 - C. Paul, Barnabas, and others later in the other cities: Acts 15:35 Paul and Barnabas also remained in Antioch, **teaching [G1321 didasko]** and ~~preaching~~ **[evangelizing]** the word of the Lord, with many others also

- II. When Paul Commanded Timothy, Those Are the Things He Commanded, Among Others
- A. 2 Timothy 4:1-5 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: (2) Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. (3) For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; (4) and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. (5) But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.
1. verse 2 preach the word
 2. verse 2 reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and **teaching** [G1322 *didache*]
 3. verse 5 do the work of an **evangelist**
- III. When Paul Commanded Timothy and Titus to Bring Other Men Into the Work, the Terminology Was “Teaching”
- A. 1 Timothy 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, **able to teach** [G1317 *didaktikos*]
- B. 2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able [G2425 *hikanos*] to **teach** [G1321 *didasko*] others also.
- C. Titus 1:9 holding fast the faithful word as he has been **taught** [G1322 *didache*], that he may be able, by sound **doctrine** [G1319 *didaskalia*], both to exhort and convict those who contradict.
- D.

And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; --- Ephesians 4:11			
APOSTLES (as Paul)	PROPHETS (as Agabus)	EVANGELISTS (as Philip)	PASTORS AND TEACHERS
Testify of Christ's Resurrection	Testify of Christ's Resurrection	Testify of Christ's Resurrection	Testify of Christ's Resurrection
Speak the Word of God	Speak the Word of God	Speak the Word of God	Speak the Word of God
Tell the Gospel, the Good News	Tell the Gospel, the Good News	Tell the Gospel, the Good News	Tell the Gospel, the Good News
Shepherd the Church by Teaching	Shepherd the Church by Teaching	Shepherd the Church by Teaching	Shepherd the Church by Teaching
<p>-To some extent, any Christian might minister in the word in any of these ways, according to his natural powers of thought and speech, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in him. -But the Lord Jesus has given some, apostles; some, prophets; some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers, having particular ability in some area or areas, according to Christ's gift.</p>			

Let's focus, in this last session, on the evangelism that is the preaching by the men approved and called by the church to preaching.

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 - 1. Gill: for he taught them by preaching that
- II. His Apostles Then Taught and Evangelized
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1. Clarke: to teach all the truths of their holy religion; and to preach, proclaim Jesus as the only Messiah, that he who was crucified rose from the dead, and was exalted a Prince and a Savior at the right hand of God.
 - B. Acts 15:35 Paul and Barnabas also remained in Antioch, teaching [G1321 *didasko*] and ~~preaching~~ **[evangelizing]** the word of the Lord, with many others also
 1. JFB: teaching (to the disciples) and preaching (to those without)
- III. Those Men Taught Personally By the Apostles Then Taught and Evangelized
- A. [G1321 *didasko*]
- IV. Now the Pastors or Elders, Not Taught Personally By the Apostles, Carry on the Same Teaching and Evangelizing
- A. 2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
 - B. The work of pastors or elders is largely to stop men from teaching things that are not in keeping with the evangel that has been evangelized
 1. 1 Timothy 1:3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia--remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine,
 2. Titus 1:10-11 For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, (11) whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain.
 - C.

Colossians 1:28 Whom we preach, G2605 warning G3560 every man, and teaching G1321 every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus

Gill:

teaching---the whole Gospel of Christ, the counsel of God, the wisdom of God in a mystery, and all the branches of it; teaching them to believe in Christ for salvation, to lay hold on his righteousness for justification, to deal with his blood for pardon, and with his sacrifice for the atonement of their sins; and to observe all things commanded by Christ, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly

by these two words, "warning" and "teaching", the several parts of the Gospel ministry are expressed

- I. Those who go to make disciples, who go to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, must be men, and men qualified to serve as church elders.
 - A. Please do not hear me to say that anyone who goes somewhere to help in some Christian work must be a man or a church elder
 1. someone who will help build a church building

2. someone who will work in the office of a missions headquarters
 3. or any number of other things that could be done
 4. I'm talking about those who go to make disciples, to preach repentance
- B. Only if he is judged to be qualified may a man serve as an elder among a group of people who already believe and already are settled into a church.
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- C. How much more, then, must a man be qualified who is going out to preach to people who do not yet believe, and who, once they believe, will need to be settled into a church!
1. He who preached to them will, in effect, be their soul pastor for a while
 2. Then He will lead the church in the process of choosing pastors

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- III. Such qualified men cannot go unless they can leave the local churches in good hands
- A. every church needs elders; the bible talks about elders in the plural: "elders in every church," so even a small congregation is lacking something desirable if it doesn't have at least two elders
 - B. larger churches often find they do not function well without even more than two elders, very large churches needing a large body of elders
 - C. if there are only elders sufficient for the health of the local churches, none can be spared to go
 - D. qualified deacons are intended to maintain the effectiveness of qualified pastors

IV. APPLICATION

- A. see everything the Lord has commanded us in His word as part of the church going to make disciples of all nations; everything we do adds to the church's ability to have some qualified person go, or subtracts from it
- B. if you, as a man or boy, have some sense that you aspire to being a deacon, and elder, or even an elder who goes to preach somewhere else, concentrate on getting yourself qualified
- C. let girls and women be sure of their valuable position regarding the Great Commission

1. you yourself are not told, as an individual, to go as a preacher to another country to make disciples
 2. but the wonderful womanly work that you do in your household and in the church of Jesus Christ is essential to getting ready the men who will go preach the gospel to all nations
 3. a preacher going has the right to take a believing wife along with him, which was the practice of most of the apostles, including Peter; live in such a way that your husband is greatly helped by your what you say and do; that you will be ready to help him well if he ever serves as a deacon, a local church elder, or even a preacher who goes
- D. if you, as a man or boy, have no sense whatsoever that you would ever be a preacher, work hard on getting yourself qualified anyway; this is obedience to Christ;
1. you may be one who will serve regarding temporal things, that others may serve regarding the gospel; or
 2. you may be one who will serve as an elder, you just don't know it yet!

G2097 *euangelizo* to proclaim the good news; this word passed from Greek into Latin and into English virtually unchanged as “evangelize”

G2099 *euangelistes* a preacher of the good news; this word also made it into English virtually unchanged as “evangelist”

G2098 *euangelion* the good message; the good news; as this word attempted to cross over into English a storm came up and it sank in the channel between Calais and Dover; we have this word in English as “gospel” or sometimes “good news”

Evangelism as the evangel preached by ordained men

1 Timothy 2:5-7 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, (6) who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time, (7) for which I **was appointed [G5087 *tithemi*] a preacher [g2783 *kerux*]** and an apostle--I am speaking the truth in Christ and not lying--a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

2 Timothy 1:8-11 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, (9) who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, (10) but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, (11) to which I **was appointed [G5087 *tithemi*] a preacher [g2783 *kerux*]**, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

Luke 9:1-6 Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. (2) He sent them to preach [G2784 *kerusso*] the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. (3) And He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. (4) "Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. (5) And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them." (6) So they departed and went through the towns, ~~preaching the gospel~~ [**evangelizing**] and healing everywhere.

Acts 8:5, 12 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached [G2784 *kerusso*] Christ to them. [skip to 12] (12) But when they believed Philip as he preached [**evangelized**] the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

Acts 13:3-5, 32 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. (4) So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed

to Cyprus. (5) And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached [G2605 *kataggello*] the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They also had John as their assistant.

(32) And we ~~declare to you glad tidings~~ **[evangelize you]**--that promise which was made to the fathers.

Dr. Renihan "Preaching As a Means of Grace" 2014

Three texts teaching that Christ preaches to Gentiles

Ephesians 2:17 And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

Who preached to them? Jesus Christ Himself

When? after Christ ascended

Acts 26:23 that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles."

Who would proclaim light? Jesus Christ Himself

John 10:16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and **they will hear My voice**; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

In Romans 10, Paul provides us details as to how Jesus Christ preaches

Romans 10:14-17 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? (15) And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!" (16) But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?" (17) So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

"Him of whom they have not heard" does not originally have the word "of"

-see Wycliffe, RV, ASV

verse 14 "How then" connects to previous verses

Four questions in a specific order, each in same pattern, except 3rd question

1. How will they call on Him in Whom they have not believed?
 - a. verb "to call upon someone, especially a divinity"
 - b. "How will they call on Him" is all in the one verb
2. How are they to believe in Him whom they have never heard?
 - a. Murray: the implication is that Christ speaks in the preached word
 - b. when true preaching happens, Jesus Christ comes, and, through His appointed messengers, preaches to them
3. How are they to hear Him without someone preaching?
 - a. verbal noun brings out dual emphasis

- i. the proper message
 - ii. the preacher
4. How are they to preach unless they are sent?
 - a. shifting our eyes from the audience to the pulpit
 - b. the voice of Jesus Christ comes through the men He has sent
 - c. attention is focused on the one who sends
 - d. true Christian preaching can only take place where men are authorized and commissioned by God

Verse 17 the climax

Emphasis is on the present activity of Christ in preaching

2 Corinthians 5:20 ESV Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Three conditions must be met

1. God must commission and send men through His church; His church chooses men
2. Those men must declare the truth of scripture...which centers on Jesus Christ
3. There must be a faithful declaration of the truth

When these things are present, Jesus Christ Himself comes and speaks

Implications

we must ensure that we speak the truth; study hard
Heb 4:7 (from Ps 95) do not harden your heart
pray for the preachers

Dr. Renihan at GCBC in Willis 2011-02-13 Romans 10:14-17 NASB

“unless they’re sent by a church they oughtn’t preach”

Scripture Readings for Evangelism Sermons

part 1 - Deuteronomy 6:1-9

part 2 - 1 Kings 12:1-19

part 3 - Proverbs 23:12-26

part 4 - Proverbs 3:1-12

part 5 - Exodus 22:21-28

part 6 - Isaiah 61:1-9

part 7 - Isaiah 52

part 8 - Psalm 119:41-48

part 9 - Romans 6:8-23

part 10 -

Prelude: Grace 123 "The Risen Christ"

Camille: flute

Noah: trumpet - see attached in F

Anna: piano

Trinity 667 "To God Be the Glory"

Camille: piano - transpose

Noah: trumpet

Anna: clarinet

Grace 94 "Jesus, Our Soul's Delightful Choice"

Camille: sing

Noah: sing

Anna: piano

Trinity 196 "Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Holy"

Camille: piano

Noah: trumpet - see attached in a minor

Anna: clarinet - see attached in a minor

Trinity 713 "I Am Thine, O Lord"

Camille: piano - transpose

Noah: trumpet

Anna: sing

Grace 71 “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”
Newton; familiar tune

Grace 112 “My Hope Rests Firm”