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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "MOTIVATION FOR EVANGELIZATION"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "NO EXCUSES AT THE JUDGMENT"

GOSPEL MEETING AT TIDWELL CHAPEL MAY 5-9**GUS NICHOLS SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL EMPHASIS THURSDAYS AT 6TH AVE.****BIRTHDAYS:**

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Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

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MOTIVATION FOR EVANGELIZATION

(Matthew 28:18-20)

I. The _____ from above (Mark 16:15).

- A. This verse contains the marching _____ for every Christian.
- B. Something that is interesting in Matthew 28:19 is the word “_____.”
 - 1. It is not the _____ of the verse.
 - 2. The command is the phrase “_____ all nations.”
 - 3. “Go” is actually a present participle and means “_____.”
 - 4. It literally says, “_____ you are going, teach all nations.”
- C. In whatever we do, we are to be _____.

II. The _____ from beneath (Luke 16:27).

- A. While that rich man was in torment, he got _____.
- B. Abraham told him that his brothers had Moses and the prophets and that is all they _____.
- C. The cry of the lost we hear from this verse should _____ us to evangelize.

III. The _____ from before (Ezekiel 3:17-21).

- A. A watchman would stand on the city wall and look for _____ from without and within.
- B. In this passage, God told Ezekiel he was a watchman in a _____ sense.
- C. Ezekiel wasn't accountable for the people, he was _____ to them.

IV. The _____ from without (Acts 16:9).

- A. Paul had a vision in which a man from the area of Macedonia called to him to come and _____ to the people there.
- B. Paul _____ no time in answering that call.
- C. The greatest help we could ever give anyone is the _____.
 - 1. It changes _____.
 - 2. It changes _____.
 - 3. It changes _____.

V. The _____ from within (2 Corinthians 5:14).

- A. The word “constraineth” means to continually _____ one to something.
- B. Paul wanted to give the gospel to others because the love of the Lord had so richly _____ Him.
- C. Jeremiah wanted to quit _____ but he couldn't (Jeremiah 20:9).
- D. Our _____ should cause us to be evangelistic.

INTEGRATING EVANGELISM
Kevin W. Rhodes

Two positions on evangelism commonly present themselves to the modern Christian. On the one hand, many believe that they are incapable of teaching others the gospel and so

never make any attempt to prepare themselves to do so. On the other hand, some teach evangelism as if it were a simple process of training a salesman. Neither of these is correct.

While Jesus gave the great commission directly to His apostles, by implication all Christians bear the responsibility of continuing that effort. Jesus told His apostles, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matt. 28:19-20). Since the apostles were told to teach all people what they had been taught, and since they were taught to go into all the world to teach the gospel, then all Christians are to teach the gospel. Preparation to do so is a responsibility inherent in our Christianity, our love for God, and our love for others.

There are any number of methods and courses one can use to teach others, but they will all center around what the Bible says if they are to be of any value. However, the method is not the main thing in evangelism; the message is. Too many Christians have abandoned all efforts to teach others because someone told them how easy it is. They discovered something very different, experienced rejection, and so gave up. This was not due to a poor method but due to having unrealistic expectations both in the speed and ease of conversion and in the power of a given method. Evangelism works when it becomes part of who you are. In the first century, "they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:4). They did not spread the gospel by gimmick or mass media; they spread the gospel as they went about their lives because Christianity and the gospel were so much a part of their lives. To be evangelistic is to live and speak with others with their need for salvation and the gospel always in mind. It includes studying the Bible with others but involves much, much more.

“Evangelism is the lifeblood of a healthy church” - E.L. Whitaker

If we are going to grow, if we are going to be faithful to God, we must be evangelistic. This is not an option or a choice. It is a command of God. Not only that, it is the only way people will ever obey the gospel.