

MESSAGE 2. EVANGELISM ACCORDING TO THE APOSTLES

Imitating today the evangelistic acts of the apostles and their disciples

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MESSAGE 1: REVIEW

- **What is the Gospel?** **C**_____ is the Gospel: His **P**_____ and His **W**_____.
- **What is the beginning of the Gospel?** **G**____. God is the **G**_____ **N**_____!
- **What are the four aspects to talk about in evangelism?**

The biblical: 1. **G**___ - 2. **M**___ - 3. **C**_____ - 4. **R**_____.

- **What are the essential ingredients of the biblical Gospel?**

1. **Who is God?** God is the **C**_____ of all things and all **p**_____. There is only **o**___ **G**___ who is **T**_____: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is **h**___, **s**_____, almighty, **I**_____, gracious, merciful, but also **w**_____ and **j**_____. God is the Author of the **B**_____: His Self-Revelation.

2. **Who is Man and what is his condition?** Man is a creature of God and is yet **lost** in **sin** and sentenced to **h**___ as a penalty for disobeying God: this is the **b**___ news. There is no evangelism without explaining the **I**___ of God and the resulting sin of man, this is the background of the bad news which makes the good news meaningful for evangelism:

(i) Understanding the law of God shows us our sins: "Why then the law? **It was added because of transgressions** [...] **But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin**, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe" (Galatians 3:19,22).

(ii) Understanding the law shows us the wrath of God upon us: "**For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression**" (Romans 3:14; John 3:36).

(iii) Understanding the law and wrath of God leads us to Christ: "**Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith**" (Galatians 3:24).

3. **Who is Christ and what did He do to save us?** Christ is the **G**_____: His **P**_____ & **W**_____.

HIS PERSON: the **S**___ of God, the second person of the **T**_____, the promised **M**_____, the **G**___-**M**___, the **L**___ and **S**_____ of all who trust in Him.



HIS WORK: He lived a **s**_____ life and **d**_____ for our sins, and was **r**_____ from the dead on the third day, **a**_____ into Heaven where He currently **r**_____ as Lord and **i**_____ for us, he is **c**_____ back to judge the world.

4. **What must I do to be saved?** **F**_____ in the biblical Christ **a**_____ for salvation and **r**_____ from sins. In practice, this means **l**_____ God and Christ, and **d**_____ near to God through Christ. The Gospel is being reconciled with God. When God saves us, **we are joined in the Church by God**. Salvation is thus more a collective relationship between God and His people than a personal relationship between an individual and God. We are saved as a body of believers having fellowship with each other, an essential mark of true salvation: "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, **we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin**" (1 John 1:7).

1. EVANGELIZING THE RELIGIOUS WITH PETER

Peter evangelizing Jews in Jerusalem

Acts 3:12-26: "12 And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? 13 **The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied** in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. 14 But **you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer** to be granted to you, 15 and **you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead**. To this we are witnesses. 16 And his name—**by faith in his name**—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and **the faith that is through Jesus** has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. 17 "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 But what **God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer**, he thus fulfilled. 19 **Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out**, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that **he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus**, 21 whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which **God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets** long ago. 22 **Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. 23 And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.'** 24 And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. 25 You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' 26 **God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.'**"

2. EVANGELIZING **THE RELIGIOUS** WITH PAUL

Paul evangelizing Jews and God-fearing Greeks in Thessalonica

Acts 17:1-9: "1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. 2 And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days **he reasoned with them from the Scriptures,** 3 **explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead,** and saying, "**This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ.**" 4 And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women. 5 But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. 6 And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, 7 and Jason has received them, and **they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.**" 8 And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. 9 And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go".

3. EVANGELIZING **THE NON-RELIGIOUS** WITH PAUL

Paul evangelizing Greeks in Athens

Acts 17:16-34: "16 Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, **his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.** 17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. 18 Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbling wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because **he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection.** 19 And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? 20 For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." 21 Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. Paul Addresses the Areopagus 22 So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. 23 **For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.'** **What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.** 24 **The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, 25 nor is he served by human hands,**

as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. **26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28 for “In him we live and move and have our being’;** as even some of your own poets have said, “For we are indeed his offspring.’ **29 Being then God's offspring,** we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. **30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”** **32** Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” **33** So Paul went out from their midst. **34** But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them”.

4. EVANGELIZING **ONE-ON-ONE** WITH PHILIP

Philip evangelizing the Ethiopian Eunuch on a desert road

Acts 8:26-39: “**26** Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. **27** And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship **28** and was returning, seated in his chariot, and **he was reading the prophet Isaiah.** **29** And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” **30** So **Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” 31 And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.** **32** Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. **33** In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” **34** And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” **35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.** **36** And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! **What prevents me from being baptized?” 38** And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. **39** And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing”.