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THE GOSPEL



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PAUL'S PASSION FOR THE LOST

(PARTICULARLY THE JEWS)



Romans 9:1-3 "I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh."

Romans 10:1 "Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation."

THE GREATEST TRUTH THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN



9 That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

10 For with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

11 For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him;

13 for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

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THE PROGRESSION

PAUL WORKS FROM SALVATION BACK

- ✓ In order for them to be saved—they must call upon the Lord.
- ✓ In order for them to call—they must believe.
- ✓ In order for them to believe—they must hear
- ✓ In order for them to hear—they must be told
- ✓ In order for them to be told—we must go to them (sent).



THE PROGRESSION

IN REVERSE (PERHAPS MORE HELPFUL)

- ✓ God sends out His servants.
- ✓ They preach the good news of salvation.
- ✓ Sinners hear God's offer of life in Christ.
- ✓ Some of those who hear believe the message.
- ✓ Those who believe call on the Lord.
- ✓ Those who call on Him are saved.



YOU ARE AN AMBASSADOR OF JESUS CHRIST



2 Cor 5:20 “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

- ❖ Ambassador: Someone who is sent as a representative for someone else—in this case—you are sent on behalf of Jesus to share His message with the world.
- ❖ Appeal: To urge strongly, to exhort, to encourage, to implore.

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❖ “Word” means “To speak, to say, or to utter definite words.”

OUT FAITH IS NOT MINDLESS AND BLIND.
IT IS BASED ON FACT



“Believing is not a mindless leap in the dark or some ethereal kind of trust apart from knowledge. The truth of the gospel message as revealed in Christ and in Scripture provides a factual, historical, intellectual basis for our faith. Thus, we do not believe according to our subjective whims; we are to believe the truth (2 Thess. 2:11-12; c Jn. 8:46; 1 Tim. 4:3). Faith that is not grounded in this objective, propositional truth is no faith at all” *Biblical Doctrine*, MacArthur/Mayhue ed.

GOD SENT JONAH TO PREACH TO THE NINEVITES.

HERE IS WHAT HAPPENED.



“Then the people of Nineveh believed in God; and they called a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least of them. When the word reached the king of Nineveh, he arose from his throne, laid aside his robe from him, covered himself with sackcloth and sat on the ashes. He issued a proclamation and it said, “In Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let man, beast, herd, or flock taste a thing. Do not let them eat or drink water. “But both man and beast must be covered with sackcloth; and let men call on God earnestly that each may turn from his wicked way and from the violence which is in his hands. “Who knows, God may turn and relent and withdraw His burning anger so that we will not perish.” When God saw their deeds, that they turned from their wicked way, then God relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do it.” Jonah 3:5-10

ACTS 8:26-39

PHILIP

“...But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, “Get up and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza.”



So he got up and went; and there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he had come to Jerusalem to worship, and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go up and join this chariot.” Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this: “HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER; AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH. “IN HUMILIATION HIS JUDGMENT WAS TAKEN AWAY; WHO WILL RELATE HIS GENERATION? FOR HIS LIFE IS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH.” The eunuch answered Philip and said, “Please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him...”

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GO!



Matthew 28:19-20 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Acts 1:8 “but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

ADVICE ON SHARING THE GOSPEL



1. Do it!
2. Pick your moments (let the situation dictate whether you share it or not).
 - ✓ Someone is depressed or sad.
 - ✓ Seriously ill or sick.
 - ✓ Suffered some difficulty of life.
 - ✓ Someone asks a lot of deep questions about life.
 - ✓ Bring them the hope and encouragement only Jesus can.
3. Matt 7:6 "Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under their feet and turn and tear you to pieces."

WHEN NOT TO SHARE THE GOSPEL



“Certain truths and blessings of our faith are not to be shared with people who are totally antagonistic to the things of God. Such people are spiritual dogs and swine, who have no appreciation for that which is holy and righteous. They will take that which is holy, the pearls...of God’s Word, as foolishness and as an insult. A wild animal whose primary concern is scavenging for food will hardly appreciate being thrown a pearl. He will resent its not being something to eat and possibly attack the one who throws is.” Macarthur Commentary: Matthew

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