

Spring 2016 Gospel Meeting
"Evangelism"

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- 1. The work of the local church is defined in scripture as being threefold ...
 - a. **Edification** – [1 Corinthians 14:26](#); [Ephesians 4:11-16](#)
 - b. **Benevolence** – [1 Corinthians 16:1](#); [Acts 11:27-30](#)
 - c. **Evangelism** – [Acts 13:1-3](#)
- 2. What exactly is Evangelism and why is it such an important work for churches and individual Christians to undertake?

I. WHAT IS EVANGELISM?

- **A. CONSIDER THREE GREEK WORDS ...**
 - 1. The Greek word **euaggelion** (yoo-ang-ghel-ee-on)
 - a. It is used 76 times in the New Testament
 - b. The majority of the time it is translated "gospel"
 - c. Depending on the translation, it is sometimes translated "good news." – cf. [Romans 10:16](#) in the NASB

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- **A. CONSIDER THREE GREEK WORDS ...**
 - 2. The Greek word **euaggelizo** (yoo-ang-ghel-id-zo)
 - a. It is used 61 times in the New Testament.
 - b. It is translated "preach, preached, preaching" ([Luke 4:43-44](#); [Acts 5:42](#))
 - c. It is translated "bring (brought) good news" ([Luke 1:19](#); [Luke 2:10](#); [1 Thessalonians 3:6](#))

I. WHAT IS EVANGELISM?

- **A. CONSIDER THREE GREEK WORDS ...**
 - 3. The Greek word **euaggelistes** (yoo-ang-ghel-is-tace)
 - a. It is used 3 times in the New Testament.
 - b. Each time it is translated "evangelist" ([Acts 21:8](#); [Ephesians 4:11](#); [2 Tim. 4:5](#))

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- **B. NOTE THEIR CLOSE ASSOCIATION ...**
 - 1. The word gospel (euaggelion) means "**good news**"
 - 2. The word preach (euaggelizo) means "**to bring good news**"
 - 3. The word evangelist (euaggelistes) means "**one who declares good news**"
 - 4. In the NT, to "evangelize" refers to bringing the good news of Jesus Christ – cf. [1 Corinthians 15:1-4](#)

II. EVANGELISM IS SHARING THE GOSPEL

- **A. BY PREACHERS ...**
 - 1. Evangelism is sharing the gospel, by preachers who were also known as evangelists
 - 2. The apostles did so beginning on the day of Pentecost – cf. [Acts 2:36-38](#)
 - 3. The evangelist Philip shared the gospel, both to groups and to individuals – cf. [Acts 8:12, 26-35](#)
 - 4. The apostle Paul shared the gospel publicly and from house to house – cf. [Acts 20:17-21](#)

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- **B. BY ALL CHRISTIANS ...**
 - 1. Evangelism is sharing the gospel, by all Christians and not just evangelists.
 - 2. The people who were dispersed following the persecution at Jerusalem shared the good news – [Acts 8:4; 11:19-21](#)
 - 3. Our duty as the people of God is to proclaim His praises – [1 Peter 2:9-10](#)

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- **C. BY CHURCHES SENDING ...**
 - 1. Evangelism is sharing the gospel, by churches sending forth preachers.
 - 2. Preachers need to be sent that others may hear – [Romans 10:13-15](#)
 - 3. The church in Jerusalem sent Barnabas to Antioch – [Acts 11:22-24](#)
 - 4. The church in Antioch of Syria sent Barnabas and Saul – [Acts 13:1-3](#)

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- **D. BY CHURCHES HELPING ...**
 - 1. Evangelism is sharing the gospel, by churches helping those who are preaching.
 - 2. Paul received help time and again from churches like Philippi – [Philippians 1:3-5; 4:15-16](#)
 - 3. Paul received support from other churches while preaching in Corinth – cf. [2 Corinthians 11:8](#)

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- **E. BY CHRISTIANS HELPING ...**
 - 1. Evangelism is sharing the gospel, by individual Christians helping those who preach.
 - 2. John praised Gaius for doing so – [3 John 5-8](#)
 - 3. Paul praised Timothy for his work in helping spread the Gospel – [Philippians 2:19-22](#)
 - 4. Paul recognized some Christians in Philippi as being fellow workers in the cause of the gospel – [Philippians 4:3](#)

III. WHY EVANGELISM IS IMPORTANT

- **A. COMMANDED BY JESUS**
 - In sending out the 11 apostles, Jesus' focus was on evangelism – [Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:8](#)

III. WHY EVANGELISM IS IMPORTANT

- B. IT BRINGS SOULS UNTO CHRIST
 - 1. Notice what Paul's preaching would do – [Acts 26:15-18](#)
 - 2. Without it, men cannot be saved – [Romans 10:13-15](#)

CONCLUSION

- 1. Our role in evangelism is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ!
- 2. We can do so by telling others and by supporting men in their efforts to spread the word.
- 3. Without evangelism the church cannot grow for it will not reach souls for the Lord to add to His church – cf. [Acts 2:47; 4:4; 5:14](#)