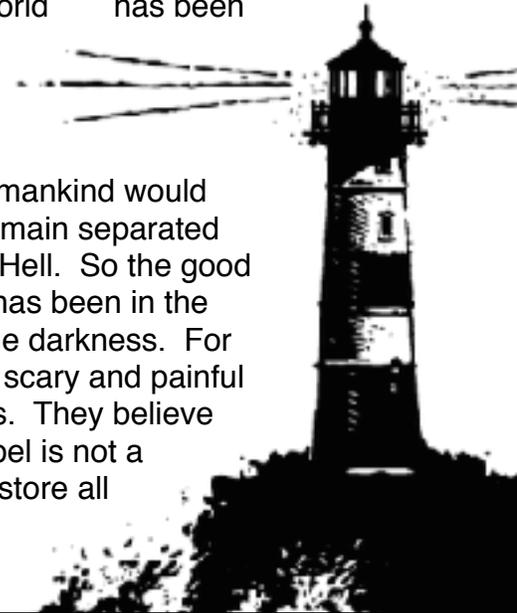


Key Text: Mark 16:15

“And He said to them,
Go into all the world and preach the
gospel to all creation.”

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

The English word “evangelism” comes from a Greek word in the Bible that means, “To Tell” or “To announce good news”. The Gospel actually means “Good News”. Jesus is the good news and He is the light of the world. **(1 John 1:5)** This light of good news is necessary because this world has been corrupted by sin and is covered in darkness. Sin and darkness first entered the world as a result of Adams rebellion against God with Eve. **(Genesis 2:17; 3:6-19; Romans 3:23; 5:12,19; 6:23)** Everyone that has been born after Adam is considered to have already fallen short of God’s righteous standards and already lives in a dark cloud of sin. Without the gospel, all of mankind would remain in that darkness and experience the wrath of God. Mankind would remain separated from the life of God and be condemned to an eternity separated from Him in Hell. So the good news is like a shining light of hope and salvation for all mankind. The world has been in the darkness of sin for so long that most have learned to identify with and love the darkness. For these people, the good news is not good at all but painful and terrifying. It is scary and painful because the light of Jesus Christ brings exposure to sin and all of its ugliness. They believe a lie that if sin is exposed they will be judged and condemned. But, the Gospel is not a message of condemnation. The gospel explains how God will forgive and restore all that sin has ruined because of His Love for us. **(Ephesians 2:1,3; 4:18; Romans 8:7; John 3:19; 2 Corinthians 4:6)**



GOOD NEWS EXPLAINED...

God has taken the first step.

Jesus was sent by God to save the world from sin. Prior to His coming, the world looked forward to salvation not fully understanding how God would provide but still accepting it in faith. Since Christ’ birth and sacrificial death people look back to see and believe in God’s sacrifice for our sin. **(John 3:16-18; 1 Peter 1:18-21)**

A Gift for everyone who believes; All who receive Christ as their savior are saved.

The “**A, B, C’s**” of salvation are: **A**ccept that you have sinned and fall short of God’s righteous standard. **B**elieve that Jesus is the accepted sacrifice for your sin. Jesus died in your place and has been resurrected to new life. **C**onfess Jesus as your Lord, and live in obedience to His word and Spirit. This is a gift that is received by faith in the Grace of God, it is not received by any human effort. Also, God is not prejudiced and wants everyone to come to faith in Christ for the salvation of their soul. **(Romans 10:9,10; Ephesians 2:8,9; John 1:12,13. Romans 8:14,15)**

Man is restored to a right relationship with God.

Christians have been made “Holy” and restored to a place of fellowship with God. Because Christ was perfect & without sin, we may share in the abundant life that God has promised both now and for eternity. Now nothing can separate you from the Love of God. **(Ephesians 2:6; Colossians 2:12,13; Romans 5:1,2; 8:38,39)**

Only One GOSPEL: God has provided only ONE way of salvation. **(Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5-6)**

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE TO TELL THE GOOD NEWS?



1. THE SPIRIT REVEALS *God's way of salvation is not just discovered by man; it comes to him by revelation and must be PREACHED to him from the revealed Word of God. (Romans 10:17,18, 16:25-26)*

2. THE CHURCH *The Gospel message has been entrusted to the Church. It is through the church that God makes His appeal to mankind. (Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 3:9-11; 2 Corinthians 5:20)*

3. EVERY BELIEVER *All believers are responsible to respond to the command of Jesus in Mark 16:15. We are even given the power to be a witness. Acts 1:8. See how individuals are given the command and encouragement to evangelize? (Luke 10:1,2; 2 Timothy 4:5; Matthew 5:13-16)*

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WE MUST BE A WITNESS *(Read Acts 26:12-29)*

A witness is a person who tells what he has seen and heard. He shares his own personal experience. Anyone who has a vital and personal relationship with Christ can be a witness for Him. WITNESSING IS AN OVERFLOW of your Christian life. As your life is filled with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ you will naturally share Him with others that you come into contact with. **What are the three "I am..." statements that Paul expressed in Romans 1:14-16?** If you are a witness of Christ, are you feeling any Obligation to act or speak? Are you Eager to share? Are you Ashamed of anything related to Christ or salvation?

WE MUST BE SET 1 Peter 3:5 commands us to be prepared to give a reason for the hope that we have...this means that we must anticipate the questions and be set to give an answer. Whenever you witness you should be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit so that God can fill your mouth with the words to say and that you can have faith to affirm the words that you share. So are you set? Do you have the power of the Holy Spirit? Are you filled with faith by consuming the word of God? *(Mark 16:17, 20; Acts 1:8; Hebrews 2:4)*

WE MUST GO

(Luke 10:2; Mark 16:15; 2 Corinthians 5:20)

The Harvest is ready. God is looking for people to heed the call to come work in the field. The field refers to your world and the people that you come across every day. Your work is the spreading of the Gospel message. Start with everyone in your life and work your way out from there. Let what God has done in you serve as the fuel for your service. Compare your response to God with that of the woman at the well. *(John 4:28,29; 39-42)*

Name three of the closest people you interact with that you have yet to share the good news with.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What has been the biggest hindrance or difficulty for you in obeying the command to witness for Christ? How can that be dealt with?