

WITNESSING 101

Sharing the Gospel: What is the Gospel??

What do we have to **DO** to be saved???

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

OK, so it's not WORKS.... What **is it** then???

EPH 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: **9** Not of works, lest any man should boast.

FAITH IN WHAT???

ROM 3:25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood

1 COR 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you...**2** By which also ye are saved...**3** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; **4** And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

HOW DOES IT WORK? How does it help me?? HOW do I get the Benefit of This Good News???

EPH 1:13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Look at the order of events here in **Eph 1:13**. 1) You HEAR the Word of truth, the GOSPEL of your salvation. 2) You Believe & Trust the Gospel that you've heard. 3) You're SEALED by the Holy Spirit.....DONE!

1 COR 2:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Is Witnessing Important?

Matt 1:23 calls Christ EMMANUEL, meaning GOD WITH US... **COL 2:9** calls Christ the FULNESS of the Godhead BODILY...**John 1:14** says that the WORD was made FLESH, and dwelt among us... In **John 14:9**, Christ says, if you've seen ME, you've seen the Father!

Acts 2:34 says that Christ has ascended into the heavens and **Col 3:1** is sitting at the right hand of God!

Christ isn't walking around town anymore, So What's the Deal NOW?

First of all, we know that God (who cannot lie) KEPT his promise in [PSA 12:7](#) and has PRESERVED His Holy Word down through the ages. God did NOT use 42 men to write over 750,000 words across 1,400 years only to then LOSE IT!! (as modern scholars and theologians & pastors would have you believe!

How is the Lord getting the Word out? How is he sharing the gospel in what [GAL 1:4](#) calls this present EVIL world with people who are [EPH 2:1](#) DEAD in trespasses and sins??

[2 COR 5:17](#) Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. [18](#) And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to **us** the ministry of reconciliation; [19](#) To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto **us** the word of reconciliation. [20](#) Now then **we are ambassadors for Christ**, as though **God did beseech you by us**: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. [21](#) For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

It is OUR JOB, OUR MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION TO ACT IN ([vs. 20](#)) Christ's stead, to BESEECH people on behalf of God!

[1 COR 4: 1](#) Let a man so account of us, as of the **ministers of Christ**, and **stewards** of the mysteries of God.

[2](#) Moreover it is **required** in stewards, that a man be found **faithful**.

FAITHFULNESS to this calling is NOT an option, FAITHFULNESS is REQUIRED in stewards.

Don't forget that [Rom 14:10](#) says that we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. and [ROM 14:12](#) every one of us shall give account of himself to God. and that [1 COR 3:13](#) Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. and that every one of us will [2 COR 5:10](#) receive the things [done] in [his] body, according to that he hath done, whether [it be] good or bad. and based on the good or bad work that we've done, the LEVEL of FAITHFULNESS to our MINISTRY, we'll either get a REWARD or we'll watch our work BURN UP before our eyes and have little or NO reward in Heaven. ([1 COR 3](#))

I DON'T RESPECT PEOPLE WHO DON'T PROSELYTIZE. IF YOU BELIEVE THERE'S A HEAVEN AND HELL, AND THAT PEOPLE COULD BE GOING THERE, AND YOU THINK, "WELL, IT'S NOT REALLY WORTH TELLING THEM THIS BECAUSE IT WOULD BE SOCIALLY AWKWARD OR SOMETHING.....UH.....**HOW MUCH DO HAVE TO HATE SOMEBODY TO NOT TELL THEM?** HOW MUCH DO YOU HAVE TO HATE

SOMEBODY TO BELIEVE THAT EVERLASTING LIFE IS POSSIBLE, AND NOT TELL THEM ABOUT IT? I MEAN, IF I BELIEVED BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT THAT A TRUCK WAS BEARING DOWN ON YOU, AND YOU DIDN'T BELIEVE IT, THERE'S A POINT IN TIME WHERE I JUST TACKLE YOU! AND THIS IS EVEN **MORE** IMPORTANT!!"

These words were spoken by Penn Gillette, an Las Vegas magician and comedian and TV star. (Penn & Teller) Penn is an avowed and outspoken ATHEIST!.

SO WE SEE THE CALLING, THE NEED, THE REQUIREMENT TO BE AN AMBASSADOR, HOW DO WE DO IT??

1 COR 1:18 For the preaching of **the cross** is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the **power of God**.

If what we are saying is not either LEADING TO or TALKING ABOUT the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, the we are OFF TRACK in our Gospel presentation. REMEMBER THAT.

Let's Survey the Battlefield:

As different as each person is that we share the gospel with, the problem that each unsaved person has will be IDENTICAL.

EPH 2:1 They are dead in trespasses and sins; They walk according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, they are by their sinful father Adam's nature the children of wrath, they have a meeting coming with the Lord Jesus, who (2 Thess 1:7-9) shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, **8** In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: **9** Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

It's Even Worse.....People have NO CLUE the trouble that they're in.

Our Gospel is hidden to the lost: **2 Cor 4:3** says that our gospel is hid to them that are lost: (remember 1 Cor 1, our gospel is FOOLISHNESS to those that are lost) **WHY? verse 4:** the god of this world (Satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

The Bible bears witness to this truth: **2 COR 11:13** says that there *are false* apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. **14** And no marvel; for **Satan himself** is

transformed into an angel of light. **15** Therefore *it is* no great thing if **his** ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness;

Modern Evangelism: (i.e. Satan's ministers) has spawned thousands of churches that are led by UNSaved pastors and deacons, making millions of unsaved, religious, clean cut, moral and nice church-going people comfortable in their LOST state. HOW does he do this?

Satan's ministers preach false gospels like, "you've got a God-shaped hole in your heart. If you want to get real peace and fulfillment and happiness and a good life, give your heart to Jesus and live your life for Him"

"repeat this little prayer after me and you'll get eternal life" "God has a wonderful plan for your life and wants you to be happy and healthy and prosperous and He wants to bless you so you can do good things for others"

This is the False Gospel that I call the "Life Enhancement Gospel" People who believe this false man-centered gospel don't come to the cross for forgiveness of sins, they pay occasional lip-service to it for the promise of health, wealth, and happiness. They don't understand the weight of their sins and don't see the need for a Savior.

Another False Gospel is preaching "The Cross is a good start" on your way to salvation. Jesus did His part, now you have to do yours.

These people trust their **own performance** and their own good works either in addition to, or as a substitute for, the cross of Christ.... that means they are NOT trusting the cross, they are trusting the cross in addition to all their good deeds, good works, and religious performance. **Gal 5:4** that Christ has become of NONE effect to them

The Common Thread of False Gospels is: **You're a GOOD Person, your good deeds outweigh your bad and God is LUUUUV and forgives people.**

How do 'make all men see' that the Gospel is NOT foolishness, but the power of God unto Salvation?? How do we make them realize that they have sinned against a HOLY GOD and are NOT good people??

WE USE THE LAW! (wait, I thought we're not under the law, we're under GRACE)

1 TIM 1:8 But we know that the law *is good*, if a man use it lawfully; **9** Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, **10** For

whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary

ROM 7:7 What shall we say then? *Is the law sin?* God forbid. Nay, I had not **known** sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the **law** had said, Thou shalt not covet.

ROM 3:20 for by **the law** *is* the knowledge of sin.

ROM 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become **guilty** before God.

WE SHOULD BE USING GOD'S LAW TO EXPOSE AND SHINE LIGHT ON SIN People don't see the need for a Savior because they don't see the problem with their sin!

USING THE LAW TO BRING THE KNOWLEDGE OF SIN and thereby showing the need for the Saviour.

Q. What do you think happens after someone dies? A. I dunno, heaven if you're a good person.

Q. Do you think you're a good person? A. Yeah, I'm a good person

Q. You think you've kept the 10 commandments?
well. A. Yeah, I've tried. I do my best... Pretty well.

Q. How many lies do you think you've told? A. Lots.

Q. What does that make you? A. Human, normal

Q. Specifically, what would you call me if I lied? A. A liar.

Q. Ever stolen anything? A. No.

Q. How can I believe you? you just said you were a liar? A. Ok, yeah. I've stolen things but nothing major

Q. What does that make you? A. A Steeler.....a Thief.

Q. Ever commit adultery? A. No.

Q. Ever look at a woman with lust? A. Yeah, I'm human. I'm not dead

Jesus said That **whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.** You know God sees your thoughts and intentions too right? All the things you think or desire in secret??

Q. You ever take God's name in vain? A. Yeah, try not to, but I do sometimes.

That's called blasphemy and God doesn't take it lightly. God says He **will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. (EX 20:7)** The Bible also says that That **every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. (MATT 12:36)**

Friend, by YOUR OWN ADMISSION, you're a lying, theiving, blaspheming, adulterer at heart and we've only looked at 4 of the 10 commandments.

The Bible says that it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: (Heb 9:27)

Q. If God judged you by the 10 commandments, you think you'd be innocent or guilty? **A. Guilty.**

Q. You think you'd go to heaven or hell? **A. Heaven.**

No way! not heaven The Bible says that lying lips are an ABOMINATION to the Lord (Prov.12:22) and that all liars will have there part in the Lake of Fire. (Rev 21:8) where the fire will never be quenched. (Mark 9:44)

The Bible also says that NO THIEF will inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Cor 6:10)

It also says that God is going to PUNISH people with EVERLASTING DESTRUCTION? (2 Thess 1:9)

Doesn't it concern you that if the Bible is true, then YOU'RE in BIG TROUBLE with God on Judgement Day???

God is Love, a loving & GOOD God wouldn't send a decent person like me to Hell.

here's how to respond to this faulty logic....

TRY that in COURT friend! Judge, I know I've broken the law. You're a REALLY GOOD man and a REALLY LOVING man and a GOOD & HONEST JUDGE so will you please forgive me? I'm really sorry???? A JUST & FAIR judge cannot just FORGIVE you! You must be PUNISHED! The LAW **must** be satisfied and Justice **must** be served!

The very thing that the lost man is counting on to get him off the hook (God's love and Goodness) will be the very thing that DEMANDS his punishment in HELL!

THE PREACHING OF THE CROSS DOESN'T WON'T LIKE FOOLISHNESS ANYMORE, BUT MAY SEEM MORE LIKE THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION. The people can now SEE their sin because the LAW of God has exposed their GUILT and true pervasive wickedness.

The lost person may then see that their SIN & God's WRATH are REAL & Reasonable, then God's Love & Mercy and Gospel will finally seem RELEVANT.

If a lost person believes the **BAD NEWS** about themselves, they'll be READY to hear the good news, the Gospel of their salvation.

Jesus Christ (God manifest in the flesh) came to this earth, lived a sinless perfect life, paid the price for all your sins when he shed His blood on Calvary's cross, was buried, and rose again the 3rd day with victory over death,hell, and the grave, and offers you COMPLETE forgiveness, redemption, and eternal life by IMPUTING His Righteousness to you, simply if you will put your complete faith and trust in what HE did **for you**.

In Closing: Let a man so account of us, as the **ministers of Christ**, and **FAITHFUL stewards** of the mysteries of God.