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# Infusion

Become

Believe

Belong

Befriend

## #1 The "Why" of Evangelism

INFUSING THE LIFE FOUND IN CHRIST  
THROUGH FAITH IN GOD'S VITAL PRECEPTS,  
MAKING EVERY MEMBER WHOLE  
SPIRIT, SOUL & BODY



He also gave them their final in person instructions of what they should be doing until He returned. He gave them His ...

Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth: (6)

The two most important of these were:

- (1) They were to preach the Gospel everywhere to everyone (*Mark 16:15*).
- (2) They would be witnesses for Him *Acts. 1:8*

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are 2 of the most important actions the church is to do until Jesus returns. **Evangelism** is simply Leading others to Christ by proclaiming the good news of the Gospel, and **Witnessing** is the person telling it by what has been seen and heard. Understand in some measure, someone in your life has already obeyed Jesus' commands to Evangelize & Witness, since that is the ONLY way YOU could be Here today! These tasks are earthly tasks that we are ALL called to be part of that until Christ returns. They are needed in the "here and now" while the earth remains and people inhabit it. As someone once said, "Witnessing is the one thing you can't do in heaven." Proclaiming the Gospel and witnessing of its truth and power is for *now!*

## I. The Father's heart is turned toward the lost.

### A. God loves the lost.

1. God the Father loves lost sinners of this world so much that He was willing to give His only Son that we might be saved and restored to Him.
2. [John 3:16](#), is perhaps the most famous verse in the entire Bible, it states the depth of God's love for lost humanity. It says "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever

believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (KJV).

## **B. God wants all to be saved.**

1. It is the Father's desire that all people should be saved and none lost (*1 Tim 2:3-4*).
2. "He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (*2 Pet 3:9 NIV*). God has no favorites; His desire is for everyone to repent of sin, receive His Son Jesus, and live with Him in heaven for eternity. He is patient and long-suffering, waiting for us to return to Him.

## **C. God's love for us was so great that it "pleased" Him to "crush" His own Son (Isa. 53:10 NASB).**

What this means is the thought of losing humanity was a worse suffering to God's own heart than Himself enduring His horrible suffering of pain, humiliation and of the Cross, Hell & the grave. the NLT translation of this verse says, "It was the Lord's *good plan* to crush him" (emphasis added). The sacrificial gift of Jesus, the Lamb of God, was part of the eternal plan of the heavenly Father. It was the only way for the awful price of sin to be paid and we get to be saved from certain permanent destruction. What greater proof of the Father's love could there be than the fact that He was willing to sacrifice His own incarnate existence as the Son for us?

## **D. God demonstrated His love for us even while we were yet sinners.**

We do not have to achieve some state of goodness before we can come to God. He takes us as we are. Our salvation is dependent upon His grace towards us, not our ability to earn it through good works or any natural merit.

*“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:6–8 NIV).*

## **I. Jesus, the Son of God, came into the world to achieve the Father’s purpose.**

### **A. He came to seek and to save that which was lost (Luke 19:10).**

1. Jesus knew His purpose and never wavered from it. His entire reason for coming to the earth was to reconcile sinful man to a holy God.
2. When Jesus was questioned about His eating with sinners, He answered,  
*“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. . . .  
For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance” Matt. 9:12–13*

### **B. He came to take away the sin of the world (Jn 1:29).**

1. Jesus was the only one capable of reconciling man to God. A perfect, unblemished sacrifice had to be made, and only Jesus could meet the requirements for such a sacrifice.
2. Jesus is the sacrificial Lamb of God, slain for the sins of the world. As such, He belongs to all people for all time. There is no tribe or nation for which He did not die.

### **C. He came to give us life (John 10:10).**

1. Jesus wants us to have life in all its abundance. First and foremost, that speaks of eternal life. Those who know Him as Lord will never die, in the sense that they will spend eternity with Him in heaven.
2. Jesus is the gate through which we enter into this abundant life (v. 9). There is no true life, happiness, or fulfillment apart from Him.

### **D. He came to save the world (John 3:17).**

Jesus' purpose was to create a way out for us. That is His entire purpose and desire, the offer of salvation. He did not come to condemn for sin, but to save the world from through what His death and resurrection made available.

*"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him" (NIV).*

## **II. Without Christ, the world is lost and hopeless.**

### **A. All humanity is dead in trespasses and sins (Eph 2:1).**

1. From the time of the Fall in the Garden of Eden, all humanity has been hopelessly under the curse of sin and death. From Adam and Eve, we have inherited a basic nature of sin that dwells in us from birth.
2. In this fallen condition, we are "doomed forever," as the NLT says. Within us, we have no power to remedy the situation. Good works, intriguing philosophy, religious ritual, vain traditions—no manmade thing can rescue us from our sins.

### **B. Without exception, all have sinned (Rom 3:10, 23).**

*"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one" (v. 10 KJV).*

1. That verse makes it clear that no one can justify himself before God. Every man, woman, and child who ever walked the face of this earth is a sinner.

*"For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard" (v. 23 NLT).*

2. God has a standard of righteousness to which no one can measure up. It doesn't matter how good, loving, and kind a person may seem; in God's eyes, he will always come up short, because he is not perfect. Perfection is not possible for any human being.

### **C. Without the life of Christ within us, we stand condemned (John 3:18).**

Jesus came to save us, not condemn us. However, if we refuse His salvation and lordship, we have condemned ourselves.

*"Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son" (NIV).*

### **D. Apart from Christ, we are "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd" (Matt. 9:36 NIV).**

1. Sheep without a shepherd are scattered and fearful. They are left to their own devices and are thus vulnerable to attack.
2. The NLT gives further insight into our condition apart from Christ. That translation says this: "Their problems were so great and they didn't know where to go for help."  
That's how we are without Christ: totally overwhelmed with no one to help us and no place to go for help.

### **E. There are multitudes upon multitudes of souls who do not know Christ**

Untold millions do not know Christ. Some have never even heard His name. Unless laborers go into the harvest fields of the world, they will be forever lost to an eternity in hell. **Matt. 9:37** “*The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few*” (NKJV).

That is for us, those who know Christ. We are the laborers called to work in the harvest. The lost cannot call upon Him unless they have believed; they cannot believe unless they have heard; they cannot hear unless someone preaches to them; and we cannot preach unless we will go to them (**Rom. 10:14–15**).

## **F. The harvest is ripe (John 4:35).**

1. “*Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white (ripe) for harvest!*” (NIV). Many, many people are ready to receive Christ if given the opportunity. A vast spiritual harvest waits; only the laborers are lacking.
2. Eternal souls are the harvest. At times we plant seeds into the lives of others, and at other times, we have the wonderful privilege of reaping from the work that others have done (vv. 36–38). Regardless of the specific role we play, we must be busy in the Father’s work of harvest.

## **G. The workers are few (Matt. 9:37).**

1. “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (vv. 37–38 NIV).
2. Very few workers are available for bringing in the vast harvest. Some people are simply unwilling, while others feel incapable, but the responsibility,



nevertheless, rests with us who call ourselves Christian. If we don't do it, it will not get done.

## **H Jesus gave us five specific commands to fulfilling the Great Commission.**

- “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28:19–20)
- “Preach the Gospel to every creature” (Mk 16:15 KJV).
- “Repentance & forgiveness of sins preached in His name” (Lk 24:47)
- “As the Father has sent Me, I also send you” (John 20:21 NKJV).
- “You shall be witnesses to Me” (Acts 1:8 NKJV).

## **IV In The Great Commission you are NEVER ALONE or without POWER**

### **Matt 28:19-20**

19 Therefore **go and make disciples of all nations**,  
**baptizing** them in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit,  
20 and **teaching** them to obey all that I have commanded you.  
and surely **I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE  
VERY END OF THE AGE.**

The Holy Spirit goes with you everywhere. He will lead you and add the POWER to the Words you speak that are GOD's Word. You do the Preaching and God will do the REACHING! You teach and He will BAPTIZE them with HIS POWER!

### **Acts 1:8**

8. But you will receive **POWER** when the **Holy Spirit comes on you**; and you will be my **witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and **to the ends of the earth.**"

### **Summary:**

Since Christ died for all and it is God's will that none should perish, He has commissioned the church to take the Gospel to all creation. This is a standing commandment in effect until Christ returns. No Christian is exempt from the responsibility of taking the Gospel to the lost.

Evangelism is not a task delegated solely to the professional clergy or to those who proclaim themselves “evangelists.” We will all give an account for what we have done with our earthly lives, including our obedience to Christ’s command to preach the Gospel and make disciples.

## Questions and Discussion Points

1. What is the proof of God’s love for sinners?  
*John 3:16/ Romans 5:6-8,*
2. Why is no one justified before God based on merit or good works? How then are we saved?  
*Romans 10, John 1:29, John 10:10, John 3:17*
3. What reasons do people give for not working in the harvest? Are these valid? Why or why not?
4. Since you became a Christian, have you noticed a desire to tell others about what you have seen and heard and what you have experienced in your new life with Christ? Are you acting on that desire?
5. Do you know someone who needs the Lord? Begin praying for that person, and ask God to give you opportunities to share and testify of what Jesus has done in your life. When the opportunity arises (look for it!), boldly seize it. Get busy in the Father’s harvest!

**THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READING: GALATIANS**

*Use the Epistles Study tool and a Daily Journal as you read. The next session will come from a portion of this book. Return your completed form for credit. You will get much more from the time if you prepare in advance by reading prayerfully through the assignment:*

**ANSWERS:**

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