

## *Study on the Holy Spirit*

### Study 26 Evangelism

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So here we are the final study on the Holy Spirit.

I pray that you have grown closer to the Lord, and you have been doing for others using the gifts that you have discovered that you have.

Maybe you haven't been filled with the Holy Spirit yet. Ask the Lord and he will fill you, even now.

If you started from the beginning of this study and have hung in there up to now, you have done 26 weeks of studying the Word of God. Wow, that's about 7 month's worth. Once again, if you are not finished with this study, or would like to go back to any portion of it, or would like to share it with someone else, it will remain on the Internet.

So, let's get started this week on the gift of Evangelism, let's look at the base of our study in:

- **Eph 4:11** *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,*

Before we get to far into this study, I need to share something with you about this gift.

I think this gift is one of the greatest gifts, because it brings others to Jesus.

I kind of had a hard time wanting to teach this study, because I don't have this gift, and in a way you could say there was some jealousy in me for not have this gift and desiring it so much.

But the Lord laid upon my heart that the gift I have in teaching is great also.

The reason is, I can teach 10 people, and those people (which do have the gift of evangelism) will share with others what I teach them. So I am playing a part in their gift by giving them the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and them going out using the teachings that the Holy Spirit has given me to give to them, to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ!

So even though I don't directly have the gift or use it to reach people, the Lord uses me to help prepare those with the gift, giving me a part in their ministry.

I'm happy and content with that!

The of definition of evangelist definition is as follows:

**Greek Word:** *euangelistes*

**Usage Notes:** *lit., "a messenger of good" (eu, "well," angelos, "a messenger"), denotes a "preacher of the Gospel," "to proclaim glad tidings," "good news, gospel." Missionaries are "evangelists," as being essentially preachers of the Gospel.*

So, it would be a "messenger" or "proclaimer" of the "good news" or "glad tidings"

We see this mentioned in the following verses:

- **Matt 24:14** *And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.*

- **Mark 16:15-16** *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."*

Here in Matt 24:14 & Mark 16:15 Jesus talks about the gospel or good news to be preached in all the world; But what is the good news or gospel?

- **Isaiah 29:18-19** *In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, And the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness. The humble also shall increase their joy in the LORD, And the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.*

Notice the gospel brings joy to those who believe, and that joy is in Jesus, the Holy One of Israel.

- **Isaiah 61:1** *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;*

The gospel is releasing those in bondage to their sins, healing the broken hearted. Where you healed or released from something when you received Jesus Christ? When we proclaim this good news, we are showing people how to be released from the bondage of sin, and replace that bondage with joy, which is in Jesus Christ!

- **Acts 20:20-24** *how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.*

(underlined for emphasis)

Testifying the gospel is what we see in verses 21 and 24 *repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.*

What was this ministry mentioned by Paul in verse 24?

- **Acts 9:15 (NLT)** *But the Lord said, "Go and do what I say. For Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel."*

God is saying that the ministry is being a chosen instrument to take the message to common people as well as the rulers. In most cases we are the common people.

Are you a believer in Jesus Christ? If you are, then the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ was brought to you, a common person.

If not, you can receive Him right now. Just pray this simple prayer by faith and you will be one of us common persons who the gospel was presented to.

***Jesus, I admit that I am a sinner, I know that by Your dyeing for me on the cross I am now able to come to the Father, God. I ask you to please forgive me for all my sins, cleanse me and make me a new creation. Thank you for your forgiveness. Fill me now with your Holy Spirit, and may I share You with others. I ask this in Your name Jesus: AMEN.***

Are you still unsure of what the good news is? Here are some verses that speak of the good news. (underlined for emphasis)

- **Acts 9:19-20 (NLT) *Afterward he ate some food and was strengthened. Saul stayed with the believers in Damascus for a few days. And immediately he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is indeed the Son of God!"***
- **Acts 9:22 (NLT) *Saul's preaching became more and more powerful, and the Jews in Damascus couldn't refute his proofs that Jesus was indeed the Messiah.***
- **Acts 8:4-5 (NLT) *But the believers who had fled Jerusalem went everywhere preaching the Good News about Jesus. Philip, for example, went to the city of Samaria and told the people there about the Messiah.***
- **Romans 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.***

So reading these verses we see that the good news or gospel, is that Jesus is the Son of God, The Messiah, and that through Him (Jesus) there is salvation.

That sounds like good news to me. The Messiah that the Old Testament talks about, has come and saved me, a sinner, I now have access to the Father God.

You and I as believers will be in heaven together with Jesus. No more tears, no more broken hearts, no more hunger, or killing or wars or worrying about anything.

The sad thing is some people want to go now and they will take their lives to do it.

I will not say whether they will make it or not, only God can make that choice.

I know that it's hard to live here in this world, even Jesus said:

- **John 17:14-15 *I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.***

Jesus knows how hard it is for us to live in this sinful world, but Jesus prayed for us 2000 years ago and if Jesus prayed for us, then God will answer Him and keep us from the evil one. Hang in there, Jesus will never leave you nor forsake you.

- **Deut 31:6** *"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."*

What should happen after you or others hear the gospel?

- **Rev 14:6-7** *Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth--to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people-- saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." (underlined for emphasis)*

To break it down:

The Angel having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth saying, *"Fear God and give glory to Him and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."*

After you or they hear the gospel, there should be rejoicing in God who created all things.

- **1 Cor 1:17** *For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.*

Notice Paul say's *"not with wisdom of words"*. Think about your witness or your testimony; do you have eloquent speech or elaborate words trying to persuade others with your wisdom of why your right and they're wrong?

It's so easy to get into an argument over the bible or even the gospel, wanting so much to persuade others. But what it comes down to is the word of God. When Jesus was questioned, His answers were very short, direct to the point, and the word of God. So it should be with us. Proclaim Jesus and not your wisdom; or ignorance.

- **2 Tim 4:1-5** *I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*

In verse 2 it says to **"Preach the word!"** It doesn't say to argue with them. If someone does not except the word of God, they are calling God a liar.

- **Titus 1:2** *in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,*

And if you are spending your time arguing then you are doing what Jesus told us not to do:

- **Matt 7:6** *Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.*

This is what we do when we argue about God. If people refuse to see the awesomeness of God, then it's like throwing something precious and beautiful (God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit) before pigs (those who refuse to believe). They don't know what to do with it, so they treat it like the other garbage they are used to playing in.

In 2 Tim 4:3 says that they will heap up for themselves teachers.

This is what cults do, someone has a visit from an angel or even a so-called Jesus telling him or her that the bible is not complete or was misinterpreted, and others follow this.

Why? Because people don't think that salvation can be obtained from what Jesus did alone, they want to be a part of it and do something to earn it.

So as in verse 4, *"they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables."*

- **Eph 2:8-9** *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

Salvation by works is a fable.

- **Gal 1:6-10 (NLT)** *Let God's curse fall on anyone, including myself, who preaches any other message than the one we told you about. Even if an angel comes from heaven and preaches any other message, let him be forever cursed. I will say it again: If anyone preaches any other gospel than the one you welcomed, let God's curse fall upon that person. Obviously, I'm not trying to be a people pleaser! No, I am trying to please God. If I were still trying to please people, I would not be Christ's servant.*

Proclaim Jesus, the Jesus of the Bible. Trying to convince them that salvation is by any other way is another message than what the Bible teaches!

Don't even try to convince them that they need to stop drinking, or partying, or doing drugs, or move out of the fornication situation that they live in at home.

Remember the woman caught in adultery? Jesus just said,

- **John 8:10-11** *When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."*

***"Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."***

Let the Lord speak to their heart about their sin. All we tell them is that Jesus died for their sins. And that salvation is by Jesus who is the Son of God, the Messiah.

It's not our job to change people, that's God's job.

If you think about it, who created the person you are trying to change; you or God?

That person is God's creation; He knows what He's doing. So just pray for them, tell them about Jesus, and let God handle them.

Let's look at someone who had the title "Evangelist"

- ***Acts 21:8 On the next day we who were Paul's companions departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him.***

"Philip the evangelist", why did he have this title?

- ***Acts 8:5-8 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. And there was great joy in that city.***

Philip "preached Christ to them" and "there was great joy in that city".

Have you ever noticed how much joy there is when people come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior, or when a bunch of Christians are together?

That's what was happening here. People were coming to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and also great healings were being done.

Joy in the Lord Jesus, healing the spirit by salvation, and healing of the body by His Love.

Here is another example of Philips ministry of Evangelism.

- ***Acts 8:26-27 Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship.***

So Philip is going where the Lord is telling him, and on the way he meets this guy. If you read on, the Ethiopian is asking about someone in the bible, he just doesn't know whom it is. So what does Philip do? He shares Jesus with him.

- **Acts 8:34-35** *So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.*

The results of sharing the word of God, was the eunuch's conversion into Jesus Christ.

- **Acts 8:37** *Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."*

To end this study, we will look at two final verses.

- **Mark 16:15-16** *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."*

This is called the great commission. Jesus is giving the disciples and us, the instruction to tell others what He has done for others and us.

- **Romans 10:14-17** *How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:*

***"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace,  
Who bring glad tidings of good things!"***

***But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.***

Write this verse down, circle it and highlight it in your bible.

Now write it in the margin or a piece of paper to say: (write your name in the blank)

*How shall they call on Jesus when they don't believe? And how can they believe in Jesus when \_\_\_\_\_ hasn't told them about Him? And how shall they hear without \_\_\_\_\_ telling them? So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. And the word of God told to them by \_\_\_\_\_.*

We laugh with them at work, tell jokes, talk about everyday things, how our weekends were, even share the joys of our marriage, or children being born, or even spend time teaching them about our jobs.

How much time do we spend telling them about Jesus?

We are responsible to do our work during work hours; even the disciples worked regular jobs.

But what about break time, or lunch, or even after work.

Look at the people around you at work, or the store, school, on the streets, and remember; if someone doesn't tell them about Jesus, they are going to hell for all eternity.

Someone took the time to share Jesus with us, let's take the time to share Jesus with others.

I have one final thing to end this study on the Holy Spirit. It's a homework assignment. My favorite saying is, "*there is one thing better than going to heaven, and that's taking someone with you.*"

Your homework assignment is to find someone to take with you to heaven!