### EVANGELISM

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#### **INTRODUCTION:**

The next four lessons are given to a discussion and study of the mission of the Church. It should be remembered that as a divine institution the Church has a divine mission. It is neither political, nor social, but altogether spiritual in its design. Its concern is not the entertainment of people but the saving souls. The primary mission of the New Testament Church is to "evangelize" the world. The word "evangelism" comes from Greek word meaning "good news"; the "evangelist," therefore, is a proclaimer of good news.

#### The Importance of This work:

- 1. First seen in the universal need of salvation.
  - [1] Rom. 3:9-10 All under sin.
  - [2] Rom. 3:23 All have sinned and fallen short.
  - [3] Gal. 3:22 All things under sin.
  - [4] Eph. 2:1-5 Dead in trespasses and sins.
  - [5] Eph. 2:12 Having no hope, without God

## The Gospel of Christ is God's power to save [Rom. 1:16-17]

- [1] 1 Cor. 15:1-4 Corinthians saved by Gospel.
- [2] Acts 11:14 Words to save Cornelius.
- [3] 1 Cor. 4:15 Begotten by the Gospel 1Pet. 1:23.
- [4] John 15:3 Cleansed by the words of Christ.
- [5] Matt. 13:19; Luke 8:11 Word of God is the seed of the kingdom

- [6] 11 Cor. 4:3-4 Those to whom gospel is veiled perish.
- [7] Eph. 3:6 Partakers of promise of Christ.
- [8] Acts 20:32 Abel to give inheritance among sanctified.
- [9] 11 Tim. 1:10 Life and immortality brought to light.
- [10] Rom. 16:25-27 Made known unto obedience of faith.

## The Church is God's Agency in This Work of Evangelization:

- [1] Matt. 20:1-16 The Church compared to householder who goes out to hire laborers into the vineyard.
  - [2] Acts 13:1-3 The Church the sending agency.
  - [3] Matt. 13:8-9 The Church the sowing agency.

- [4] 1 Tim. 3:14-15 The Church the pillar and ground of truth.
- [5] Eph. 3:10 Wisdom of God to be made known through Church.
- [6] Eph. 3:21 God to be glorified in the Church throughout all ages.
- [7] Eph. 4:11-12 Building up body of Christ mission of Church.

# Local Congregations were the medium through which This Work of the Church Was Done in New Testament Days. They were the only Missionary Organizations of the New Testament Church

- [1] Churches of Macedonia 11 Cor. 11:8-9
  - [2] Church at Thessalonica 1Thess. 1:2-8.
  - [3] Church at Philippi Phil. 1:3-5; 2:25-30;
  - 4:14-20
  - [4] Church of Antioch Acts 13:1-3; 14:27-28.
  - [5] Jerusalem Church Acts 8:1-5.

## The Plan Followed in New Testament Days in Propagating the Gospel:

 Acts 1:8 Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

#### **Conclusion:**