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WHAT IS EVANGELISM?

LESSON 1

As we seek to understand the true nature of evangelism it will be helpful to examine a number of biblical words.

TO EVANGELIZE (EUANGELIZOMAI)

This verb is used fifty-two times in the New Testament, including twenty-five by Luke and twenty-one by Paul. Its essential meaning is to announce or proclaim good news. *(Luke 4:18; 8:1; Acts 8:12; 10:36)*

THE GOSPEL (EUANGELION)

The noun occurs seventy-two times in the New Testament, fifty-four of which come in Paul's writings.

- (a) It is the gospel of the _____.
(Mt. 4:23; 9:35)
- (b) It is the gospel of _____.
(Mark 1:14; 1 Thess. 2:2, 8, 9)

This is true in two senses:

- (i) The Good News _____ God, who He is, how He came, and what He's done.
- (ii) The Good News _____ God - God has revealed Himself and it is His Good News. Consequently, it is a serious matter to twist or distort His Good News. *(Gal. 1:9)*
- (c) It is the gospel of _____.
(Mark 1:1, 2; 2 Cor. 4:4; 9:13)

Again, this is true in two senses:

- (i) Not only did Jesus _____ the Gospel,
- (ii) He also _____ it. *(John 14:9)*

- (d) It is a gospel for _____.
(Mark 13:10; 16:15; Romans 10:11-13)

This truth underscores the responsibility laid upon us to cross the barriers of class, creed and culture, irrespective of the cost involved. *"A man must give his life to that which gave him life."*

- (e) It is a gospel that must be _____.
(1 Cor. 15:1, 2; Mark 1:14, 15)

The notion that since Jesus died upon the cross all men are automatically forgiven cannot be squared with the biblical insistence upon a wholehearted personal response to the gospel. *(Romans 1:16)*

TO PROCLAIM (KERUSSEIN)

This verb is used as commonly as the verb "to evangelize," coming sixty-one times in the New Testament.

The underlying picture is that of a herald or town crier who sounds the trumpet and conveys the news from the king. The herald is not to express his opinions or ideas, but to deliver his message in the humility of heart which must accompany such authority of speech.

THE MESSAGE/ PROCLAMATION (KERUGMA)

This word is used interchangeably with 'the gospel.' Consider Romans 16:25.

When Paul addressed the Corinthians, he distinguished himself from the flowery rhetoric that marked so many teachers. His 'message and his kerugma' were different. *(1 Cor. 2:4)*

Ultimately, as we consider this we become aware of the fact that in fulfilling the (A) _____ given by Jesus, the apostles were not simply (B) _____ Bible words or a (C) _____, but were proclaiming Jesus Christ himself.

“For we do not preach ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord.” 2 Cor. 4:5

John Wesley wrote in his journal for July 17th, 1739:

“I rode to Bradford 5 miles from Bath. Some persons had pitched on a convenient place, on the top of the hill under which the town lies; there I OFFERED CHRIST to about 1000 people, for wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption.”

Having looked at a number of biblical words let us set down a working definition as to what it means to evangelize.

TO EVANGELIZE IS TO (D) _____ CHRIST JESUS TO SINFUL PEOPLE IN ORDER THAT, THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THEY MAY COME TO PUT THEIR (E) _____ IN GOD THROUGH HIM.

Finally, let us consider a number of statements alongside this definition in seeking to answer our original question.

1. EVANGELISM IS THE (a) _____ LIFE OF THE HEALTHY CHURCH AND CAN NEVER BE REGARDED AS AN (b) _____.

Consider the absence of appeals by the apostles to the churches in the matter of evangelism. It seems that evangelism was (c) _____ and it operated without special (d) _____ or (e) _____. Compare Genesis 1:28 and Matthew 28:19, 20. The way in which a local church fosters this dimension will be the focus of another study.

2. EVANGELISM IS THE (a) _____ AND (b) _____ OF EVERY MEMBER OF CHRIST’S BODY.

3. WHILE THE GIFT OF EVANGELISM IS (a) _____ TO SOME, THE RESPONSIBILITY OF WITNESSING FALLS TO (b) _____ WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

4. EVANGELISM IS SUPREMELY _____ WORK IN PEOPLE IN WHICH HE ENLISTS HUMAN COOPERATION.

5. EVANGELISM IS ESSENTIALLY A (a) _____ RATHER THAN A (b) _____.

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E VANGELISM- GOD'S PART, OUR PART

LESSON 2

"Even if I were utterly selfish, and had no cure for anything but my own happiness, I would choose, if I might, under God, to be a soulwinner; for never did I know perfect, overflowing, unutterable happiness of the purest and most ennobling order till I first heard of one who had sought and found the Savior through my means. No young mother ever so rejoiced over her first-born child, no warrior was so exultant over a hard-won victory."

C.H. Spurgeon

Evangelism is supremely (a) _____ work in people in which He enlists (b) _____ cooperation.

GOD'S PART

In order for us to fulfill our responsibilities in personal evangelism, we must first be clear as to what (c) _____ can do, and what we, therefore, (d) _____ do.

1. _____ of sin is the work of God the Holy Spirit. *(John 16:8)*
2. God alone can give _____ to men. *(Acts 5:31; 11:18)*
3. Only God can _____ men and women to Christ. *(John 6:44)*
4. God alone can _____ Jesus. *(2 Cor. 4:6)*
5. It is God's unique prerogative to bring about _____. *(John 1:12, 13; 3:3, 5)*

OUR PART

We must be clear as to what God requires of us by way of (A) _____ for this work.

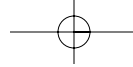
1. Our life needs to be (a) _____ to

God and (b) _____ sought for all known sin. *(Psalms 51:10; 2 Tim. 2:20-21)*

2. We must be living in the _____ of the Spirit. *(Ephesians 5:18; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 2:4)*
3. There needs to be an awareness of our own personal (a) _____ upon Jesus for (b) _____. *(1 Tim. 1:15)*
4. There needs to be a (a) _____ recognition of God's (b) _____. *(1 Cor. 3:7)*
5. We must _____ the Scriptures.
6. We must understand the human _____ without Christ. *(Matthew 9:36)*
7. We engage in this task with _____ of heart. *(Romans 9:1, 2)*

We must be clear to what God requires of us by way of (B) _____ in this work.

1. Although the work of (a) _____ is essentially God the Holy Spirit's work, He calls us to (b) _____ in achieving. *(Acts 26:18)*
2. Our _____ is to make known the Word of God. *(Acts 16:14; Romans 10:14-17)*
3. We should urge men to (a) _____ *(Isaiah 55:6, 7; Luke 13:24).*
To (b) _____ *(Matthew 4:17; Acts 17:24).*
To be (c) _____ *(Matthew 18:3), and to*
(d) _____ on the Lord Jesus Christ. *(Acts 16:31)*



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4. In doing this we must be willing to display (a) _____
friendship which will often be (b) _____.
(Luke 10:29ff; 2 Tim. 2:10)

5. We are to be ready to do this work anytime and anywhere.
(Acts 1:8)

The implications of these truths are far-reaching. They
ought at least instill in us a renewed sense of (C) _____
upon God and an increased (D) _____
in God which will be demonstrated largely in our (E) _____.
(James 1:2; Romans 10:1; Acts 4:29)

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UNDERSTANDING OUR MESSAGE

LESSON 3

John Stott, in his book, *“Our Guilty Silence,”* suggests that one of the main reasons for our silence is that, *“we lack either a thorough knowledge of the gospel or a conviction about its truth or both. There can be no evangelism without an evangel, no mission without a message.”* He quotes a Buddhist monk who said:

“it looks as if Christianity has reached the stage in adolescence when the child is slightly ashamed of his father and embarrassed when talking about him.”

It is vitally important that we have a solid grasp of the essential facts of the gospel, which must be declared before any response should be anticipated.

ESSENTIAL FACTS ABOUT JESUS

1. The (a) _____ truth of the good news is (b) _____ Himself. It is Him we proclaim. *(Colossians 1:28)*
2. Christ’s (a) _____ in coming into the world and in dying upon the cross was to (b) _____. *(Matthew 1:21; Luke 2:10; 1 Timothy 1:15)*
3. Christ’s coming and death were no _____, but were part of God’s eternal plan. *(Acts 2:23; 1 Peter 1:20)*
4. Christ’s (a) _____ was the Father’s (b) _____ of Christ as His Son and evidence of His (c) _____ with His work. *(Romans 1:4)*

ESSENTIAL FACTS ABOUT THE UNCONVERTED

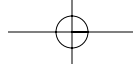
1. They are (a) _____ in trespasses and (b) _____. *(Ephesians 2:1)*

2. Their (a) _____ minds are blinded by (b) _____. *(2 Cor. 4:4)*
3. They are _____. *(Luke 19:10)*
4. They are _____ of sin. *(John 8:34)*

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS PROMISED BY THE GOSPEL?

1. _____ with God. *(2 Cor. 5:18-21)*
2. _____. *(1 Cor. 1:30; 6:11)*
3. Deliverance from _____. *(John 3:18; Romans 8:1)*
4. _____ to the people of God. *(Acts 2:41; 1 Cor. 1:2; 6:1, 2; 1 Peter 2:4-10)*
5. Membership in the _____ of God. *(Colossians 1:13)*
6. The (a) _____ of the Holy (b) _____. *(Acts 2:38; 1 Cor. 2:12)*
7. _____ life. *(John 3:16; 11:25, 26)*
8. The _____ of the body. *(1 Cor. 6:14)*

To (a) _____ into the benefits of Christ’s work - to know (b) _____, the gift of God’s Spirit and a place in His kingdom - (c) _____ and open confession of (d) _____ are required. *(Acts 2:38)*



We need always to keep in mind William Temple's statement:

"The gospel is true always and everywhere, or it is not a gospel at all, or true at all."

It is the (e) _____ of the Gospel, not its (f) _____ that changes with time.

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EXAMINING OUR MOTIVES

LESSON 4

If we are to be (A) _____ in evangelism, it is essential that our (B) _____ is seen to be in accord with the pattern and (C) _____ of scripture.

There are a number of motives which are (D) _____ and therefore should be (E) _____.

1. A desire for peer-group _____.
2. Dutiful conformity to _____ constraints.
3. A _____ desire to pronounce judgement.
4. A desire to gain _____ of people.
5. A sense of meeting a required _____.

There are two motives that should spur us constantly to evangelize:

1. Love to (a) _____ and concern for His (b) _____.
2. Love to (a) _____ and concern for his (b) _____.

We need to examine the implications of each of these.

LOVE TO GOD AND CONCERN FOR HIS GLORY

1. Our love for Jesus is revealed in our _____.
(*John 14:21; 1 John 5:3*)
2. Evangelism is one of the activities that the Father and the Son have _____.
(*Matthew 24:14; 28:19*)

3. Emphasizing obedience should not imply a spirit of (a) _____, but one of (b) _____.
(*Acts 5:41*)
4. We must (a) _____ the promise and (b) _____ the commission. (*Matthew 28:19*)
5. If evangelism is the Church's task in (a) _____, then it is yours and mine in (b) _____. (*2 Cor. 5:18*)
6. In evangelism we tell the world about God's marvelous _____. (*Psalms 96:2, 3*)
7. It was a deep-rooted concern for (a) _____ that provided Paul's (b) _____ for evangelism. (*Acts 17:17*)
8. Biblical evangelism never puts a full stop after conversion, but regards conversion as the _____. (*John 4:23*)
9. The evangelist should look beyond the benefit which comes to the convert who is saved, to the _____ which comes to the God who loves him.
10. Worship expresses itself in (a) _____, witness (b) _____ itself in worship.

THE UNIFYING THEME IS THE GLORY OF GOD AND THERE IS GREAT NEED FOR THIS TO BE THE SUPREME INCENTIVE OF OUR MODERN EVANGELISM.

LOVE TO MAN AND A CONCERN FOR HIS WELFARE.

1. The scriptures say that we should do good to all men.
(*Galatians 6:10*)
2. What greater good can we do for anyone than to set before them the _____ of Christ?

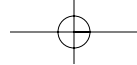
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3. Our awareness of man's(a) _____ demands that love will issue in(b)_____.
(Luke 10:29)
4. The impulse to evangelize should be a (a) _____ response to the (b) _____ of our neighbor. *(2 Cor. 5:14)*
5. It was _____ for Andrew to tell Simon and Philip to break the good news to Nathaniel. *(John 1:40f)*
6. Such an approach may become easy and natural and yet remain _____ in honest friendship.
7. As simple as it seems, genuine (a) _____ is a vital (b) _____ for effective witness.

LISTEN TO PAUL'S APPROACH:

1. The judgement of God brought (a) _____ and (b) _____. *(2 Cor. 5:10, 11)*
2. The inner compulsion of _____.
(2 Cor. 5:14)

Do you love people because you want to see them converted, or do you want to see them converted because you love them?
3. The _____ of Christ.
(2 Cor. 5:17)
4. The _____ of Christ.
(2 Cor. 5:18)
5. The _____ of Christ.
(2 Cor. 5:21)



THE MASTER'S PLAN FOR EVANGELISM

LESSON 5 PARTS ONE, TWO & THREE

"As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world."
John 17:18

"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."
John 20:21

"The evangelism of England is a work that cannot be done by the clergy alone; it can only be done to a very small extent by the clergy at all. There can be no widespread evangelization of England, unless the work is undertaken by the lay people of the church...The ministry of evangelism is a charge laid upon the whole church by its Lord. It is the very essence of the Christian calling."
Archbishop William Temple c1946

Evangelism is the (A) _____ life of the church and can never be an (B) _____ extra.

In John 17:18 and 20:21, Jesus is not simply stating a (C) _____, but establishing a (D) _____.

There can be no significant (E) _____ without meaningful (F) _____.

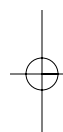
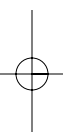
Jesus spoke of (G) _____ with the world without (H) _____ by the world.

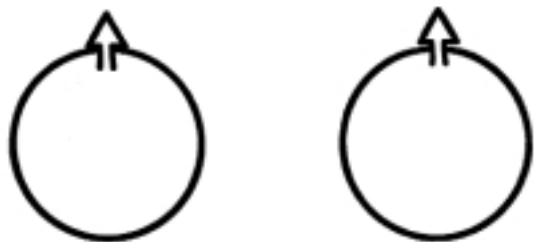
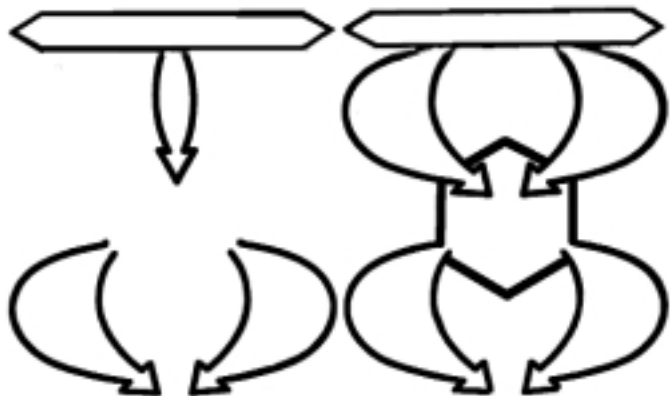
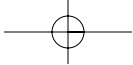
However, (I) _____ is not to be confused with (J) _____.

Our friends will pick up the (K) _____ faster than they'll learn the (L) _____.

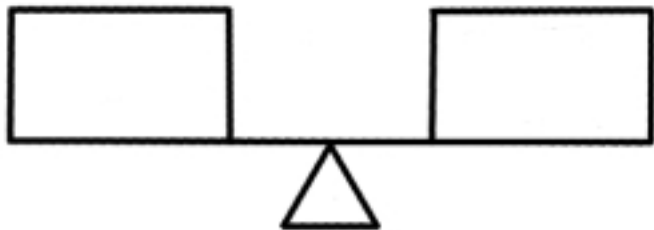
Although our ministry is (M) _____ we must be (N) _____.

We must not miss the natural bridges over which we may walk with the good news. We need to get close enough to people to make shouting completely unnecessary.



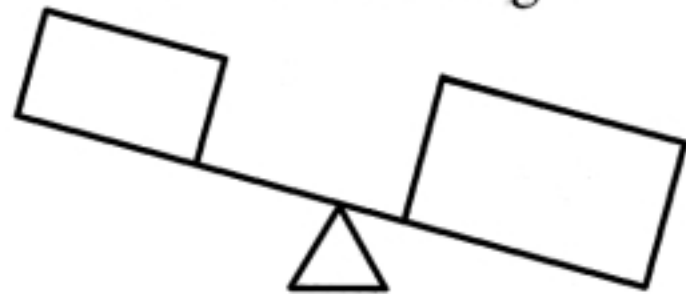


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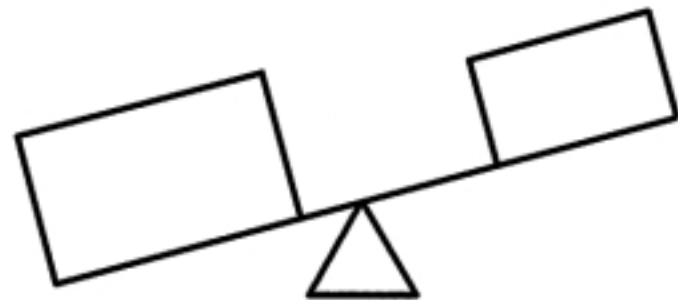


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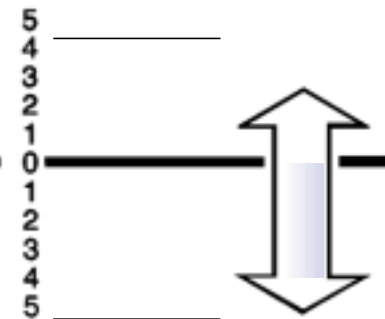
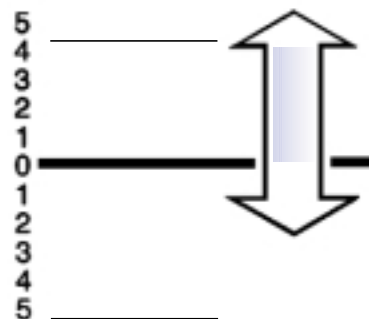


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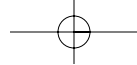


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HOW TO SHARE CHRIST WITH SOMEONE

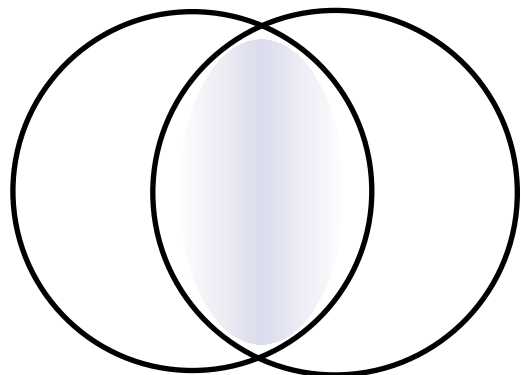
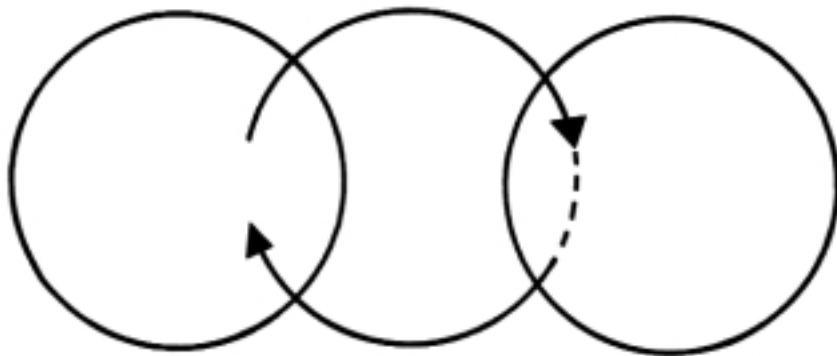
LESSON 6 PARTS ONE, TWO & THREE

“Christ is going after His lost sheep, and He wants to use our lips that they may hear His voice today, and our hands that they may feel His touch. He is the soul-winner. People are not won by us for Him. They are won through us by Him. He can win them without us, just as He can speak to them through the Bible quite apart from anything we might say. But He has chosen to work through us and with us.” Leith Samuel

In our last study, we saw that there is little opportunity for

(a) _____ without meaningful (b) _____.

The pattern established by Jesus is represented by the second of these diagrams.



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Each of us has long-term contacts: (list some here)

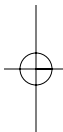
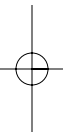
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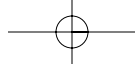
We should remind ourselves frequently that effective witnessing begins when we are on our (c) _____ not when we are on our (d) _____.

We can trust God to (e) _____ the opportunity and then trust Him to enable us to (f) _____ the opportunity.

EXPLODING SOME MYTHS

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.





IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

- 1.
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THREE FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS TO CONVEY

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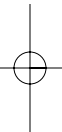
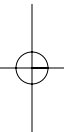
A clear and concise statement of the good news may be given by using the following headings as pegs for our presentation.

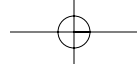
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At this point 3 further questions may prove very beneficial in bringing clarity.

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- 2.
- 3.

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E VANGELISM-DEALING WITH DIFFICULTIES

LESSON 7 PART ONE

There are certain difficulties, which are frequently raised by men and women as we seek to witness. What are these questions and how should we deal with them? In this study, we consider ways of seeking to respond humbly and sincerely to genuine difficulties.

- I. How should we approach the difficult concerns and questions that people raise?
 1. Don't get " _____ "
 - a. providing an answer before they ask a question
 2. Don't (a) _____ people in (b) _____.
 3. Don't talk _____
 - a. we must answer (a) _____ and (b) _____ but not (c) _____
 4. Don't serve up " _____ "
 - a. don't give people pat answers
 5. Don't _____ in their face
 6. Treat the questions (a) _____ as though the (b) _____ of the questioner hung upon your answer.
 7. Do remember that our _____ do not save people
 - a. only _____ saves people.
 8. (a) _____ and (b) _____ matter more than knowing all the (c) _____.
 - a. we must be (a) _____ with the Lord and (b) _____ by His Word.
 9. The chief purpose of the (a) _____ is to

bear witness to (b) _____, not to answer people's (c) _____.

a. that is also our chief purpose

10. We must understand the (a) _____ of human (b) _____ and the (c) _____ of God to do what we cannot do.

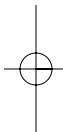
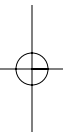
DIFFICULT QUESTION #1

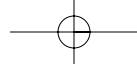
You've been quoting a lot from the Bible, but why should I accept its authority?

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____
- E. _____
- F. _____
- G. _____
- H. _____

I. Keep in mind that the (a) _____ of man is not (b) _____, but is (c) _____.

A. The problem is not in the area of the (a) _____, but of the (b) _____.





E V A N G E L I S M - D E A L I N G W I T H D I F F I C U L T I E S

LESSON 8 PART TWO

“Unless the Holy Spirit illumines a person’s mind to see the Truth as Truth, unless he bends that person’s proud will to submit to the authority of Jesus Christ, no words of ours will ever penetrate, but in the hands of God an intelligent answer to a person’s question may well be the instrument that God uses to open his heart and mind to the Gospel.” Paul Little

DIFFICULT QUESTION #2

“What about those who have never heard the Gospel?”

- A. Scripture declares that (a) _____, who is judge of all the earth is (b) _____ and (c) _____ (see Genesis 18:25)
- B. We do not know _____
 - 1. We have not been _____ everything
 - 2. God has not _____ for us to know everything
 - 3. _____
- C. The Bible is clear
 - 1. The Scriptures do not teach the (a) _____ in the end nor the possibility of a (b) _____
 - i. _____
 - ii. _____
 - 2. The Bible teaches us that (a) _____ has a God-given (b) _____ or (c) _____ within them.
 - a. Each person _____ those standards with which they have been born (see Romans 2:12-16)
 - b. (a) _____ will be condemned for (b) _____ of whom they have never heard.

- c. They will be (a) _____ for violating their own (b) _____
- d. (a) _____ is given in Scripture that (b) _____ may ever be saved (c) _____ (see Acts 4:12)
- D. The real question is not “What about the heathen who has never heard?”, but “_____?”. The _____ now rests with the person who has just been _____.

DIFFICULT QUESTION #3

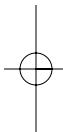
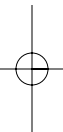
“You’re not suggesting that Jesus is the only way to heaven, are you?”

- A. _____ in belief is what matters, right?
 - 1. The answer is “no” - (a) _____ is no more valid than the (b) _____ in which it is placed
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
- B. We must stress the (a) _____ of (b) _____ with (c) _____
 - 1. One beggar telling another beggar where we found food.

DIFFICULT QUESTION #4

“I can’t believe in a God who allows innocent people to suffer.”

- A. Many times this is not _____ with those to whom we speak



1. We need the (a) _____ and (b) _____ of the Spirit of God
2. Is there something in your own life that makes you ask this question?
3. We must be (a) _____ and say that we may (b) _____ have an answer to their question.

B. Scripture does provide (a) _____ to why God allows (b) _____ as a whole.

1. Biblical view of man is this: (a) _____ made him and it was (b) _____.
2. God made man with the (a) _____ to turn (b) _____ toward Him.
3. (a) _____, so what was (b) _____ became (c) _____.
4. God decided to (a) _____ and sent (b) _____, so that what was (c) _____ might get (d) _____ again.
5. God plans that (a) _____ it will be (b) _____.
6. God is not _____.
7. We need to _____ of evil and suffering
8. We need to look at what the Scripture says concerning what it means to _____.
9. It is important to speak to people about suffering through the _____.
 - a. At the cross we see the (a) _____ of (b) _____
 - b. At the cross we see the (a) _____ of (b) _____.

- c. At the cross we see the tremendous possibility of (a) _____ and (b) _____.
- d. A God who (a) _____ in the (b) _____ is well able to enter into any (c) _____ that we may experience.

DIFFICULT QUESTION #5

“Science has disproved creation and miracles. Christianity is now obsolete.”

- A. There is no (a) _____ of the evolution of more (b) _____ from (c) _____ of life as entities.
- B. (a) _____ is made into (b) _____ - and the hypothesis is essentially this - that all (c) _____ have descended in a blind (d) _____ from some original (e) _____ whose origin remains a (f) _____.
- C. The real problem is their belief in the (a) _____ and in the (b) _____ that He can perform.
- D. The data which is given to us in the Bible is (a) _____ for (b) _____. If we refuse this evidence, no additional evidence will (c) _____. - (see Luke 16:28-31)

DIFFICULT QUESTION #6

“Christianity is just a psychological crutch for folks who can't face life.”

- A. Examine the _____
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

- B. (a) _____ with Jesus is based on the (b) _____ of the (c) _____.

DIFFICULT QUESTION #7

“Very interesting! But I’m okay. I was baptized as a baby, and I’ve been pretty regular at church for most of my life.”

- A. (a) _____ is not (b) _____.
- B. (a) _____ are (b) _____ pointing us in the right direction, but they’re not (c) _____ that take us to our (d) _____.
- C. Help them to see what the (a) _____ says about (b) _____.
1. Sin is an _____.
 2. Sin is a _____.
 3. Natural man dislikes the (a) _____ and dislikes the (b) _____.
 4. Mankind is (a) _____ and (b) _____ (Eph 2:1).
 5. The most (a) _____ in the world is in the (b) _____ before God as the (c) _____ or the (d) _____.

DIFFICULT QUESTION #8

“No thanks. I’m a Roman-Catholic and that’ll do me fine.”

- A. The issue is the (a) _____ about (b) _____.
- B. Start positive
1. You have been _____.
 2. You believe in the _____.

3. You have a measure of (a) _____ about the (b) _____.
 4. You believe in the _____ of Jesus Christ.
 5. We have more in common with a(a) _____, than with an (b) _____.
- C. Make much of _____.
- D. Open the Bible and show them
1. _____ of sins
 2. _____ of eternal life
 3. _____ - Have you received Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior?

FOUR CONCLUDING STATEMENTS:

- A. A smart answer given without (a) _____ and (b) _____ will do more (c) _____ than (d) _____.
- B. We don’t have to (a) _____ all people’s (b) _____ before they can (c) _____.
- C. Our goal is to bring them (a) _____ with (b) _____, not our (c) _____, not our (d) _____ or not our (e) _____, but with our Jesus.
- D. Becoming a Christian doesn’t (a) _____ all the personal (b) _____ which the individual may bring to their new found faith.

REACHING A CITY FOR CHRIST

LESSON 9 ACTS 19:9-20

INTRODUCTION

- A. In all of Paul's missionary travels there was no place he spent a longer time preaching the Gospel than in _____, where ultimately "The word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power" – v. 20
1. We might wrongly assume the impact was due to the (a) _____ of the people to the (b) _____. The spread of Christianity buries such an idea, and not least in relation to the city of Ephesus
 2. Confronted by great (a) _____ on one hand and great (b) _____ on the other, we observe that God (c) _____.

FOCUS ON THE CITY

- A. Known as the " _____ ", strategically located with regard to trading in the region
- B. An assize town, where the (a) _____ conducted legal affairs and (b) _____ games were held attracting visitors from the whole country
- C. A (a) _____ haven, as the (b) _____ offered right of asylum

FACTORS IN REACHING THE CITY

- A. The _____ of God's Word – vv. 8-10
1. Where did this take place?
 - a. For _____ in the synagogue
 - b. For _____ in Tyrannus' lecture hall

2. What did Paul proclaim?
 - a. The _____ of God – v.8
 - b. The way of entry into the Kingdom
 3. The response – vv. 9-10
 - a. Some of them became (a) _____, refusing to (b) _____
 - b. Those who (a) _____ were (b) _____ daily by Paul for two years
 - c. Such was the (a) _____ of the (b) _____ that 'all who lived in the province of Asia heard the Word of the Lord' – v. 10
 - d. _____ remains integral to reaching a city for Christ
- B. The _____ of God's power – vv. 11-12
1. Paul didn't (a) _____ the miracles; (b) _____ did them through Paul's hands,
 - a. While these (a) _____ events are a surprise to men, they are no (b) _____ to God
 - b. God (a) _____ using Paul to heal men and women to declare to the Ephesians that the (b) _____ they associated with their evil religions could be (c) _____ in the name of (d) _____
 2. The greater triumph is not the (a) _____ of the (b) _____, but the (c) _____ of the (d) _____.

- a. This is the great miracle, *“that if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation”* – 2 Corinthians 5:17

- C. The imitation of God’s power – vv. 13-16
 - 1. The (a) _____ is a master at (b) _____ .
 - a. Whenever the (a) _____ is (b) _____ the evil one seeks to (c) _____ and cash in on God’s truth, while at the same time (d) _____ the very (e) _____ .
 - b. Paul later wrote to them that *“our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against...the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realm”*– Ephesians 6:12

- D. The _____ of God’s people- vv. 17-20
 - 1. We must not be (a) _____ concerning the (b) _____ we face; we must never treat such things as (c) _____ ; that evil produces (d) _____ cannot be (e) _____ .
 - 2. At the same time, let us not be (a) _____ ; the power of the (b) _____ pierced the (c) _____ and evil of this world.

CONCLUSION

- A. The books that were burned were those brought by (a) _____ who faced the (b) _____ involved in true (c) _____ and went forward. – v. 19

- B. If we are to reach the city for Jesus, there needs to be a (a) _____ within the (b) _____ ; (c) _____ precedes the (d) _____ .

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E VANGELISM AND THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

LESSON 10 JOHN 6:35-40

INTRODUCTION

A. The questions which are asked:

1. "If God is (a) _____ in fulfilling his plan of (b) _____ in the lives of (c) _____, then how does this affect our duty to (d) _____?"
2. "If we believe in the (a) _____ sovereignty of God, does it not follow that we must jettison the notion of our (b) _____?"

B. Jesus' answers:

1. The genuine(a) _____ for(b) _____ - v. 35
2. Human(a) _____ for (b) _____ - v. 36
3. Divine (a) _____ in(b) _____ opportunity - v. 37
4. Divine(a) _____ in the (b) _____ of the(c) _____ - v. 39
5. Human(a) _____ in the (b) _____ to (c) _____ - v. 40

WHAT WE HAVE IS AN ANTINOMY

- A. Antinomy is two factors set side by side, seemingly (a) _____, yet both (b) _____:
- B. Here we have two factors:
1. God (a) _____ and (b) _____ all things, human (c) _____ among them, in accordance with His own (d) _____.

2. God holds (a) _____ responsible for the(b) _____ he makes and the (c) _____ he pursues.
3. It is clear that each must be (a) _____ on its (b) _____.
4. It is not clear how they can (a) _____ be true (b) _____.
5. We are (a) _____ to reject one side of the (b) _____.
 - a. Over-emphasis on (a) _____ leads to our regarding ourselves responsible for (b) _____ converts.
 - b. Over-emphasis on (a) _____ leads us to lose sight of our responsibility to (b) _____.

WHAT WE MUST DO

- A. Hold to each (a) _____ with equal (b) _____, for this is what the (c) _____ does.
- B. Do not seek to _____ one with the other.
- C. Man's (a) _____ for his actions and God's (b) _____ in relation to those same actions are (c) _____ and (d) _____ (Luke 22:22; Acts 2:23).

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AND OUR DUTY TO EVANGELIZE

- A. The (a) _____ of God in grace does not affect anything we have said about the (b) _____ and (c) _____ of (d) _____.
1. The belief that God is sovereign in grace does not affect the _____ of evangelism. God's way of saving sinners is to bring them to faith by bringing them into contact with the Gospel (Matthew 22:1-14).
 2. The belief that God is sovereign in grace does not affect the (a) _____ of (b) _____ (Luke 13:3,5).

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3. The belief that God is sovereign in grace does not affect the (a) _____ of the Gospel (b) _____ or the (c) _____ of the Gospel (d) _____ (Romans 10:13).
 4. The belief that God is sovereign in grace does not affect the (a) _____ of the sinner for his (b) _____ to the Gospel.
- B. The belief that God is sovereign in grace gives us our
1. _____ in
 2. _____.
- C. Two obstacles in the way of successful evangelism:
1. Man's (a) _____ and (b) _____ impulse to (c) _____ God.
 2. Satan's (a) _____ in seeking to keep man in his (b) _____ and (c) _____.
 3. God does what we cannot do (Acts 18:9-10).

CONCLUSION

- A. Let us affirm that we _____ in God's sovereignty in the matter of evangelism:
1. In that we thank (a) _____ for our (b) _____.
 2. In that we (a) _____ for the conversion of others, asking God to (b) _____ their eyes, (c) _____ their ears, (d) _____ their hearts.
- B. On our (a) _____ we argue, on our (b) _____ we submit. Let's get on our knees!

THE ANSWER KEY

LESSONS 1-10

LESSON 1

THE GOSPEL

2. (a) KINGDOM
(b) GOD
(i) ABOUT
(ii) FROM
- (c) JESUS CHRIST
(i) BRING
(ii) EMBODIED
- (d) ALL NATIONS
- (e) PERSONALLY RECEIVED

THE MESSAGE/PROCLAMATION

- (A) COMMISSION
- (B) DECLARING
- (C) GOSPEL FORMULA
- (D) PRESENT
- (E) TRUST
1. (a) NORMAL
(b) OPTIONAL EXTRA
(c) ASSUMED
(d) TECHNIQUES
(e) PROGRAMS
2. (a) PRIVILEGE
(b) RESPONSIBILITY
3. (a) UNIQUE / (b) ALL
4. GOD'S
5. (a) PROCESS
(b) PROGRAM

LESSON 2

GOD'S PART

- (a) GOD'S
- (b) HUMAN
- (c) GOD ALONE

- (d) CANNOT
1. CONVICTION
2. REPENTENCE
3. DRAW
4. REVEAL
5. THE NEW BIRTH

OUR PART

- (A) PREPARATION
 1. (a) OPEN
(b) CLEANSING
 2. FULLNESS
 3. (a) DEPENDENCE
(b) SALVATION
 4. (a) HUMBLE
(b) POWER
 5. KNOW
 6. PREDICAMENT
 7. SINCERITY
- (B) COOPERATION
 1. (a) CONVERSION / (b) WORK WITH HIM
 2. RESPONSIBILITY
 3. (a) SEEK GOD / (b) REPENT
(c) CONVERTED / (d) BELIEVE
 4. (a) GENUINE / (b) COSTLY
- (C) DEPENDENCE
- (D) CONFIDENCE
- (E) PRAYERS

LESSON 3

ESSENTIAL FACTS ABOUT JESUS

1. (a) CENTRAL / (b) CHRIST
2. (a) PURPOSE / (b) SAVE SINNERS
3. ACCIDENT
4. (a) RESURRECTION
(b) DECLARATION
(c) SATISFACTION

ESSENTIAL FACTS ABOUT THE...

1. (a) DEAD
(b) SINS
2. (a) UNBELIEVING
(b) SATAN
3. LOST
4. SLAVES

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS ...

1. RECONCILIATION
2. JUSTIFICATION
3. CONDEMNATION
4. BELONGING
5. KINGDOM/FAMILY
6. (a) GIFT / (b) SPIRIT
7. ETERNAL
8. RESURRECTION
- (a) ENTER
- (b) FORGIVENESS
- (c) REPENTANCE
- (d) CHRIST
- (e) PRESENTATION
- (f) CONTENT

LESSON 4

EXAMINING OUR MOTIVES

- (A) USEFUL
- (B) MOTIVATION
- (C) PRINCIPLES
- (D) SPURIOUS
- (E) REJECTED
1. ACCEPTANCE
2. EXTERNAL
3. PERVERTED
4. CONTROL
5. QUOTA
1. (a) GOD
(b) GLORY
2. (a) MAN
(b) WELFARE

LOVE TO GOD AND CONCERN...

1. OBEDIENCE
2. COMMANDED

3. (a) RELUCTANCE
(b) JOYFUL PRIVILEGE
4. (a) APPROPRIATE
(b) ACCEPT
5. (a) GENERAL
(b) PARTICULAR
6. DEEDS
7. (a) GOD'S GLORY
(b) ZEAL
8. PRELUDE TO WORSHIP
9. GLORY
10. (a) WITNESS
(b) EXPRESSES

LOVE TO MAN AND A CONCERN FOR

2. KNOWLEDGE
3. (a) CONDITION
(b) ACTION
4. (a) SPONTANEOUS
(b) NEED
5. NATURAL
6. COSTLY
7. (a) FRIENDSHIP
(b) PREREQUISITE

LISTEN TO PAUL'S APPROACH:

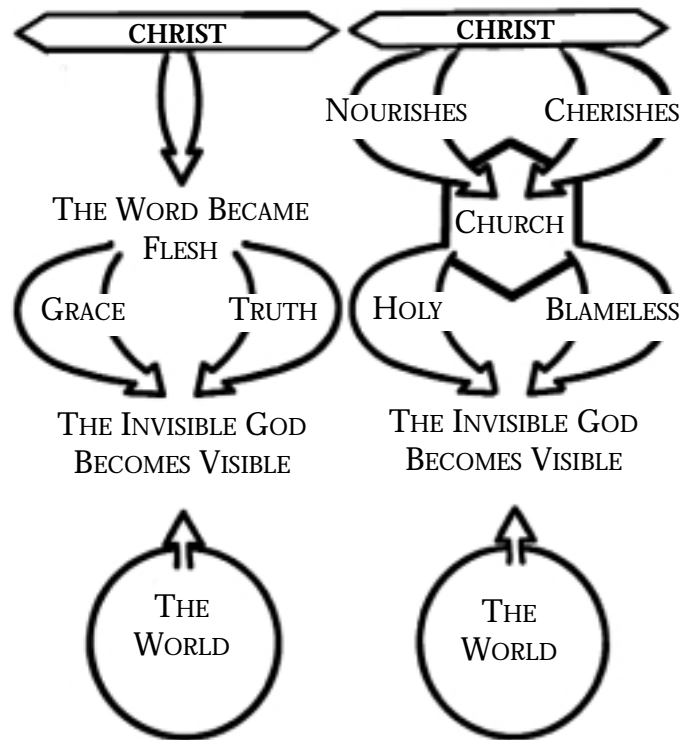
1. (a) URGENCY
(b) CONSISTENCY
2. LOVE
3. POWER
4. MINISTRY
5. DEATH

LESSON 5

THE MASTER'S PLAN FOR EVANG

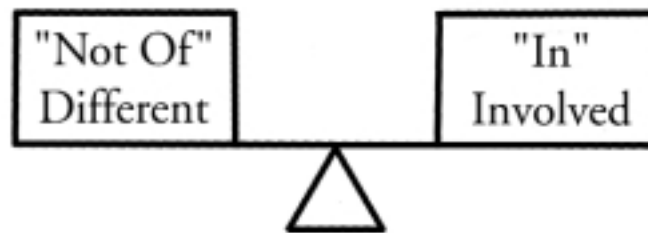
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- B. OPTIONAL
- C. FACT
- D. PATTERN
- E. IMPACT
- F. CONTACT
- G. CONTACT
- H. CONTAMINATION
- I. IDENTIFICATION

- J. ASSIMILATION
- K. MELODY
- L. WORDS
- M. SPIRITUAL
- N. NATURAL

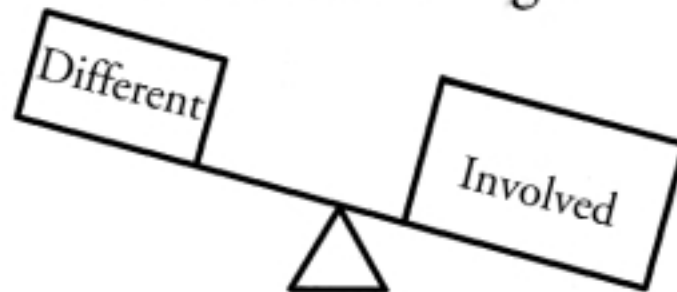


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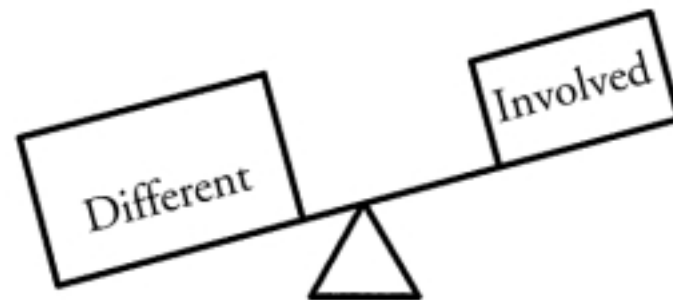
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Diluted Message

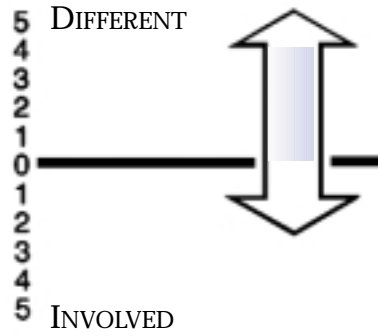


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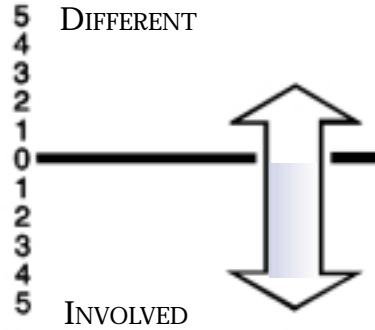


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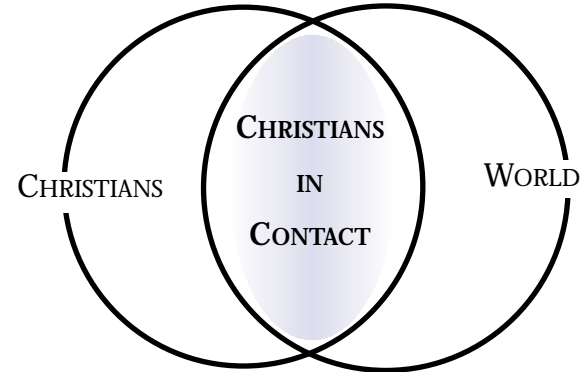
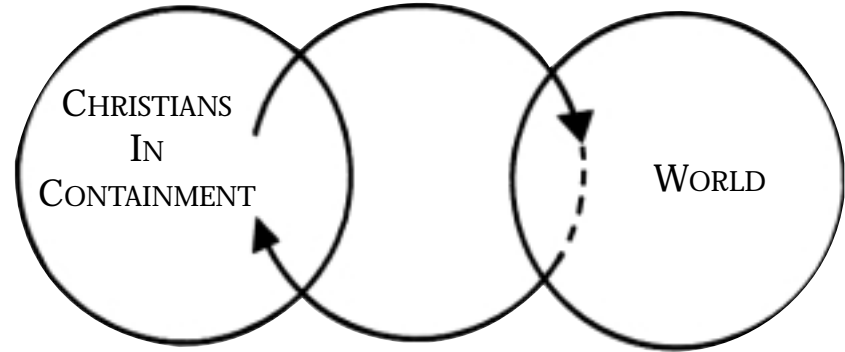


ASSIMILATION



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LESSON 6 CONT'D



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LESSON 6

- (a) IMPACT
- (b) CONTACT
- (c) KNEES
- (d) FEET
- (e) MAKE
- (f) TAKE

EXPLODING SOME MYTHS

1. IT TAKES A CERTAIN KIND OF PERSON.
2. YOU NEED TO BE A WALKING BIBLE DICTIONARY
3. I AM PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE TO SPEAK TO EVERYONE.

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

1. BE NATURAL.
2. BE LISTENING.
3. BE VULNERABLE.
4. BE BRAVE,
5. BE IMAGINATIVE.
6. BE DIRECT.

THREE FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS...

1. THE BAD NEWS OF MAN'S CONDITION
2. THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S PROVISION
3. THE NECESSITY OF A PERSONAL RESPONSE

A CLEAR AND CONCISE...

1. THE HUMAN CONDITION
2. THE BIBLE'S DIAGNOSIS
3. GOD'S REMEDY
4. PERSONAL RESPONSE

AT THIS POINT 3 FURTHER QUES...

1. HAVE YOU PERSONALLY TRUSTED JESUS CHRIST OR ARE YOU STILL ON THE WAY?
2. HOW FAR ALONG THE WAY ARE YOU?
3. WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A REAL CHRISTIAN AND BE SURE OF IT?

LESSON 7

DEALING WITH - PART 1

1. "OFFSIDES"
2. (a) DROWN
(b) DETAILS
3. DOWN TO PEOPLE
 - a. (a) PRAYERFULLY
(b) HUMBLY
(c) CONDESCENDINGLY
4. "CANNED GOODS"
5. SHINE THE LIGHT

6. (a) SERIOUSLY
(b) ETERNAL DESTINY
7. ACCURATE ANSWERS
 - a. JESUS
8. (a) PRAYERFULNESS
(b) HUMILITY
(c) RIGHT ANSWERS
 - a. (a) IN TOUCH
(b) INFORMED
9. (a) SCRIPTURES
(b) JESUS CHRIST
(c) DIFFICULTIES

10. (a) LIMITATIONS
(b) PERSUASION
(c) BOUNDLESS POWER

DIFFICULT QUESTION #1

- A. THE BIBLE MAKES CLAIMS FOR ITSELF
B. THE UNITY OF THE SCRIPTURES
C. FULFILLED PROPHECY
D. JESUS VERIFIED THE SCRIPTURES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT BY QUOTING THEM
E. THE BIBLE HAS BEEN CIRCULATED MORE THAN ANY OTHER BOOK IN HISTORY
F. NO OTHER BOOK HAS TRANSCENDED THE SOCIAL, RACIAL, AND ECONOMIC BARRIERS LIKE THE BIBLE
G. THE LIFE-CHANGING POWER OF THE BIBLE
H. GIVE PERSONAL TESTIMONY TO WHAT GOD HAS DONE IN YOUR LIFE.
I. (a) FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM
(b) INTELLECTUAL
(c) MORAL
A. (a) MIND
(b) WILL

LESSON 8

DIFFICULT QUESTION #2

- A. (a) GOD
(b) JUST
(c) FAIR
B. EVERYTHING
1. TOLD
2. INTENDED
3. DEUTERONOMY 29:29
C. 1. (a) SALVATION OF EVERYONE
(b) SECOND CHANCE
i. LUKE 16:19-31
ii. HEBREWS 9:27
2. (a) EVERY PERSON
(b) STANDARD
(c) MORAL COMPASS

- a. KNOWINGLY VIOLATES
b. (a) NOBODY
(b) REJECTING JESUS CHRIST
c. (a) CONDEMNED
(b) MORAL STANDARD
d. (a) NO INDICATION
(b) ANYONE / (c) APART FROM JESUS CHRIST
D. (a) "WHAT ABOUT THIS HEATHEN IN PARTICULAR?"
(b) BURDEN
(c) CONFRONTED WITH THE GOSPEL

DIFFICULT QUESTION #3

- A. SINCERITY
1. (a) FAITH / (b) OBJECT
a. JOHN 14:6
b. JOHN 10:9
c. ACTS 4:12
B. (a) EXCLUSIVITY / (b) JESUS CHRIST
(c) HUMILITY

DIFFICULT QUESTION #4

- A. THEORETICAL
1. (a) SENSITIVITY / (b) WISDOM
3. (a) HONEST / (b) NOT
B. (a) CLUES / (b) SUFFERING
1. (a) GOD / (b) GOOD
2. (a) PROPENSITY / (b) HIS BACK
3. (a) MAN DID / (b) GOOD / (c) BAD
4. (a) REDEEM THE SITUATION
(b) HIS SON / (c) BAD / (d) GOOD
5. (a) IN HEAVEN
(b) ABSOLUTELY PERFECT
6. CAUGHT OFF-GUARD BY SUFFERING
7. FACE THE FACT
8. EMBRACE THE SOLUTION
9. GRID OF CALVARY
a. (a) MAGNITUDE
(b) GOD'S LOVE
b. (a) MAGNITUDE / (b) OUR SIN

- c. (a) HEALING / (b) FORGIVENESS
d. (a) ENDURED SUFFERING / (b) PERSON OF CHRIST / (c) SUFFERING

DIFFICULT QUESTION #5

- A. (a) SCIENTIFIC PROOF
(b) COMPLEX STRUCTURES
(c) SIMPLER FORMS
B. (a) EVOLUTIONARY HYPOTHESIS
(b) REALITY / (c) FORMS OF LIFE
(d) DETERMINISM / (e) FORM OF MATTER
(f) MYSTERY
C. (a) EXISTENCE OF GOD / (b) MIRACLES
D. (a) SUFFICIENT / (b) BELIEF
(c) CONVINCING ANYBODY

DIFFICULT QUESTION #6

- A. EVIDENCE
1. PETER
2. MATTHEW THE TAX COLLECTOR
3. SAUL OF TARSUS
B. (a) SUBJECTIVE EXPERIENCE
(b) OBJECTIVE TRUTH / (c) RESURRECTION

DIFFICULT QUESTION #7

- A. (a) CHURCHIANITY / (b) CHRISTIANITY
B. (a) SACRAMENTS / (b) SIGNPOSTS / (c) VEHICLES / (d) DESTINATION
C. (a) BIBLE / (b) SIN
1. ATTITUDE
2. CONDITION
3. (a) GOD OF THE SCRIPTURES
(b) CROSS OF CHRIST
4. (a) DISEASED / (b) DEAD
5. (a) ETHICAL MAN / (b) SAME POSITION / (c) DRUNKARD
(d) WIFE-BEATER

DIFFICULT QUESTION #8

- A. (a) TRUTH / (b) JESUS
1. CATACHIZED
2. VIRGIN BIRTH
3. (a) UNDERSTANDING / (b) BIBLE
4. RESURRECTION
5. (a) DEVOUT ROMAN CATHOLIC
(b) AGNOSTIC PROTESTANT

- C. JESUS
D. 1. FORGIVENESS
2. ASSURANCE
3. JOHN 1:12

FOUR CONCLUDING STATEM...

- A. (a) LOVE / (b) HUMILITY
(c) HARM / (d) GOOD
B. (a) ANSWER / (b) QUESTIONS
(c) BECOME REAL CHRISTIANS
C. (a) FACE TO FACE / (b) JESUS
(c) CHURCH / (d) SYSTEM
(e) GROUP
D. (a) AUTOMATICALLY SOLVE
(b) PROBLEMS

LESSON 9

INTRODUCTION

- A. EPHEBUS
1. (a) PREDISPOSITION / (b) MESSAGE
2. (a) OPPOSITION
(b) OPPORTUNITY
(c) MOVES

FOCUS ON THE CITY

- A. "TREASURE HOUSE OF ASIA"
B. (a) ROMAN GOVERNOR
(b) PAN-IONIAN
C. (a) CRIMINAL
(b) TEMPLE OF DIANA

FACTORS IN REACHING THE...

- A. PROCLAMATION
1. a. THREE MONTHS
b. TWO YEARS
2. a. KINGDOM

- 3. a. (a)OBSTINATE /
(b)BELIEVE
- b. (a)BELIEVED /
(b)TAUGHT
- c. (a)FAITHFULNESS /
(b)PROCLAMATION
- d. ROMANS 10:14

- B. MANIFESTATION
 - 1. (a)PERFORM/(b)GOD
 - a. (a)EXTRAORDINARY
(b)SURPRISE
 - b. (a)INTERVENED
(b)WONDERS
(c)PERFORMED
(d)JESUS
 - 2. (a)HEALING/(b)BODY
(c)CLEANSING/(d)SOUL
- C. 1. (a)DEVIL/
(b)COUNTERFEITING
 - a. (a)POWER OF GOD
(b)DISPLAYED
(c)IMITATE
(d)DENYING
(e)ESSENTIALS
- D. TRANSFORMATION
 - 1. (a)NAIVE/(b)SPIRITUAL
CONFLICT
(c)TRICKERY
(d)ACTUAL RESULTS
(e)DENIED
 - 2. (a)ALARMED
(b)RISEN CHRIST
(c)DARKNESS

CONCLUSION

- A. (a)BELIEVERS /(b)COST
(c)REPENTANCE
- B. (a)TRANSFORMATION
(b)CHURCH /(c)CLEANSING
(d)BLESSING

LESSON 10

SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

- A. 1. (a)SOVEREIGN
(b)SALVATION
(c)INDIVIDUALS
(d)EVANGELIZE
- 2. (a)ABSOLUTE
(b)HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY
- B. 1. (a)OPPORTUNITY
(b)BELIEF
- 2. (a)RESPONSIBILITY
(b)UNBELIEF
- 3. (a)SOVEREIGNTY
(b)HUMAN
- 4. (a)SOVEREIGNTY
(b)SALVATION/ (c)ELECT
- 5. (a)RESPONSIBILITY/
(b)INVITATION/(c)SALVATION

WHAT WE HAVE IS ANTINOMY

- A. (a) IRRECONCILABLE
(b)UNDENIABLE
- B. 1. (a)ORDERS /(b)CONTROLS
(c)ACTIONS
(d)ETERNAL PURPOSE
- 2. (a)EVERY MAN /(b)CHOICES
(c)COURSES OF ACTION
- 3. (a)TRUE /(b)OWN
- 4. (a)BOTH /(b) TOGETHER
- 5. (a)TEMPTED /(b)EQUATION
 - a. (a)HUMAN
RESPONSIBILITY
(b)SECURING
 - b. (a)DIVINE
SOVEREIGNTY
(b)EVANGELIZE

WHAT WE MUST DO

- A. (a)TRUTH /(b)SERIOUSNESS
(c)BIBLE
- B. DILUTE
- C. (a)RESPONSIBILITY
(b)SOVEREIGNTY
(c)EQUALLY REAL
(d)ULTIMATE FACTS

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AND...

- A. (a)SOVEREIGNTY /(b)NATURE
(c)DUTY / (d)EVANGELISM
 - 1. NECESSITY
 - 2. (a)URGENCY
(b)EVANGELISM
 - 3. (a)GENUINENESS
(b)INVITATIONS
(c)TRUTH /(d) PROMISES
 - 4. (a)RESPONSIBILITY
(b) REACTION
- B. 1. ONLY HOPE OF SUCCESS
2. EVANGELISM

- C. 1. (a)NATURAL
(b)IRRESISTIBLE /(c)OPPOSE
- 2. (a)ACTIVITY /(b)UNBELIEF
(c)DISOBEDIENCE

CONCLUSION

- A. BELIEVE
 - 1. (a)GOD /(b)SALVATION
 - 2. (a)PRAY /(b)OPEN
(c)UNSTOP /(d)SOFTEN
- B. (a)FEET /(b)KNEES

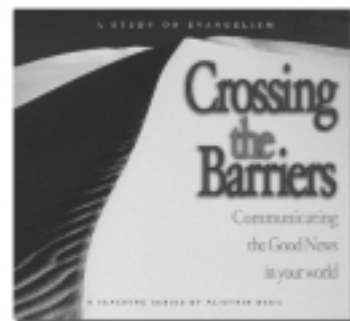
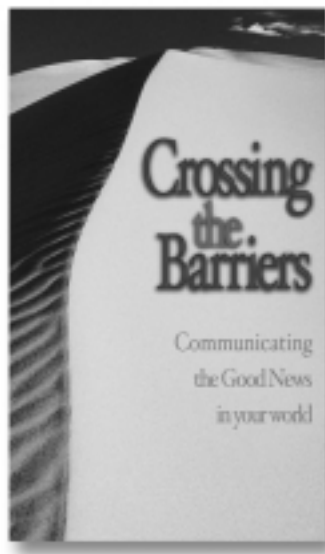
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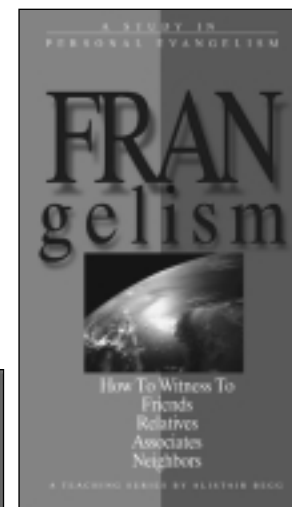
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