

We will now begin the first lecture on the Study of Evangelism. /Chapter 1, Definition of Evangelism. We will study Luke 2:10. Please read. /But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

/The angel spoke to the shepherds. /"Do not be afraid. /I bring you good news /of great joy that will be for all the people." I. Original Meaning of Evangelism.

/1. "Evangelism" is "yangelizo" in Greek, and it means, "good news." /All people on this earth are Adam's descendants. /There was no hope for man because of Adam's sin. /Man became hopeless because of sin, /he was doomed to receive eternal judgment because of sin, /and he was doomed to go to eternal hell because of sin.

/If there was no good news, /we would live hopelessly in this world. /What is the most hopeful news for those who are hopeless? /Evangelism is the greatest news to us humans.

/What is the greatest news to those who are drowning /or locked up in prison? /The greatest news that a person drowning can receive is the news that someone will save him.

/The day a prisoner is released from prison is the greatest news. /How happy would a man hopeless in prison be /if he was to be released on a certain day at a certain time? /Evangelism is the greatest news we can receive.

/Evangelism /is the way to forgiveness of our sins, /the way to become a child of God, /and the way to heaven. Thus, it is good news. /What is good news to someone without a house? /How happy would he be if he bought his own house?

/God prepared an eternal home in heaven for us believers of Jesus. /Hence, anyone who believes in Jesus can live in heaven.

/The poor, /the uneducated, /and all who have been chosen by God can enter heaven. /Evangelism is good news.

/"Evangelism" is also the good news of victory. Mark 1:15. /Sin, the devil, and death conquered the world /after the fall of Adam. /Who can conquer sin, death, and the devil? /Jesus conquered death through His death on the cross and His resurrection.

/We gained freedom from death through evangelism, /and we gained freedom from the devil. /Evangelism also conquers death. /The cross and resurrection of Jesus is the gospel.

/We gained victory over sin, death, and the devil through the cross and resurrection of Jesus. /Today, we must conquer the world with the gospel. /Anyone who receives Jesus in their hearts through evangelism /can live victoriously every day as Jesus did. /Therefore, evangelism is the good news of victory.

/2. "Evangelism" is "kerusso" in Greek, which means, "publicly proclaim." /It also means, "foretell." Matthew 3:1; 4:23. /Jesus came to spread the gospel, and He came to

foretell.

/There are many people today who do not know heaven or hell. /There are many people who do not know about God's kingdom. /There are many people who do not know about God. /There are many people who do not know the truth of the Lord.

/Evangelism is the act of proclaiming Jesus to those who do not know Him. /We must properly lead people. /If a man loses his way, what must happen? /Someone who knows the way must lead him.

/"You must take this road to get to your destination." /Today, countless people wander about because they do not know God. /We must inform them that there is heaven and hell.

/It doesn't matter how they lived in the past, but we must lead them to the road to heaven. /Jesus personally preached the gospel at the time. /The apostles also preached the gospel.

/Christians who believed first must carry out this calling. /What is the calling of the church today? /It is the duty to proclaim the gospel. /We must testify to the cross and resurrection of the Lord to others.

/We must carry out the calling of leading the lost and wandering flock of sheep in the world to God. /Take a look at your surroundings. /There are people who want to receive your guidance.

/We must lead the wandering flock of sheep down the correct path. /We must lead them down the road of life. /We must proclaim of an eternal heaven. /We must tell them with certainty that there is heaven and hell.

/There will be some people who accept this /and some will reject this. /Our calling is to /share the gospel, whether they listen to us or not. /God entrusted us believers with this calling.

/We must share the gospel with those closest to us. /We must also send missionaries out to proclaim the gospel to the ends of this earth. /Evangelism is the act of proclaiming and making known.

/Evangelism is the act of correctly leading the lost people down the right path. /There are many who are unaware and do not know the way to salvation.

/If they know that there is an eternal heaven and hell, it will be impossible for them to not believe in Jesus. /There are way too many people who head towards hell because they do not know or hear the gospel.

/Therefore, evangelism is of immeasurable worth. /We must proclaim the gospel in season and out of season. /We must spread the gospel whether people wish to believe in

Jesus or not.

/If we preach the gospel and they believe, they will be blessed, /and if they do not believe, he will receive eternal punishment in hell.

/3. “Evangelism” is “didasko” in Greek. Matthew 4:23; 9:35. /This means, “teach.” /We must teach about “God’s kingdom.” /We must also teach who Jesus is.

/We must teach about the mystery of the kingdom of heaven. /Jesus too carried out this calling when He came to this earth. /What were Jesus’ three main ministries? /He taught God’s word, /spread the gospel, /and healed the sick.

/Evangelists must fully arm themselves with God’s word /and then teach God’s word. /There is no other book in this world that teaches the way to eternal life. /The Bible alone tells us about life and death.

/The Bible teaches the way to eternal life. /The Bible teaches the way to blessings, /the way to becoming a child of God, /and the way to eternal life in heaven. /The Bible tells us how our spirits can live.

/Therefore, evangelism is the act of teaching God’s word as Jesus did. /Jesus carried out His calling on this earth. /The Lord carried out His calling as Prophet.

/4. “Evangelism” is “martus” in Greek, and it means, “witness” or “testify.” Acts 1:8. /We must testify to who Jesus is. /In order to do so, we must receive power of the Holy Spirit.

/What must we testify to, about Jesus? /Jesus was born of a virgin. /Jesus was born through the virgin Mary. /This was God’s miracle.

/A married couple can have children after they are married. /A child is then born with sin through a natural marriage. /Such people cannot become our savior. /However, Jesus was born through the Holy Spirit through Mary’s body. /The Lord came into this earth without any sins.

/We must be witnesses to the birth of Jesus through the virgin Mary. /We must share this through the Bible. /What else must we testify to, about Jesus? /We must share the cross of Jesus.

/We must proclaim that Jesus died on the cross because of our sins. /There are many religions today, /but there was no one who took up our sins and died for us. /Jesus alone took up our sins and died on the cross for us.

/The cross of Jesus in Christianity is very important. /Jesus died on the cross and rose to life in three days. /Jesus taught through His resurrection /that He is God’s Son /and that we too will resurrect.

/We received righteousness through the Lord's resurrection. /Jesus lived on this earth for forty days after His resurrection. /The Lord stayed forty days and testified to His resurrection. /Jesus will return to this earth.

/We must receive authority of the Holy Spirit and testify about Jesus. /Jesus alone is our Messiah /and our Savior. /People will receive forgiveness of their sins only if they believe in Jesus.

/We who believed first must be witnesses to this. /Acts 1:8 says, /"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."

/Evangelists receive power of the Holy Spirit and live lives as Jesus' witnesses. /We must also be the Lord's witnesses in our daily lives. /Believers of the early church /gathered in prayer at church, /were armed with God's word, /and were witnesses in their daily lives. /We must evangelize in our lives.

/5. "Evangelism" is "maches" in Greek, /which means "disciple." /All Christians today must be disciples of the Lord. /Who do disciples take after? /Disciples take after their teachers. /We must take after the Lord because we are His disciples.

/We must evangelize so that others would receive the gospel, /and we must make them disciples like us. /Anyone who receives Jesus becomes the Lord's disciple, /and he must evangelize to others and make others disciples as well.

/Then all Christians /must walk down the path of being the Lord's disciples. /The Lord's disciples must model themselves after the Lord's works. /We must not only be like Jesus in His great character, /but we must also make sacrifices like Jesus did /and carry out our calling like Jesus did.

/Jesus' disciples must follow Jesus' footsteps. /We must carry out Jesus' threefold calling like Jesus did. /This means that we must teach God's word, /preach the gospel, /and heal the sick.

/The way to live as true disciples of the Lord /is to live for God's glory. /We must also produce disciples through evangelism. /We must preach the gospel to all the peoples /so that the number of Jesus' disciples in this world can grow.

/When we evangelize, we plant disciples. /People who once belonged to the world change so that they belong to God. /People who once followed the devil will change to follow Jesus.

/Evangelism is the act of leading many people to Jesus. /We must preach the gospel so that many people will become disciples of the Lord. /We must preach the gospel so that many others can follow the Lord.

/Jesus commanded /after His resurrection /and before His ascension. /The Lord said, “Go and make disciples of all nations.” /We must first become disciples.

/We must then make many others become disciples of Jesus by evangelizing.
/Evangelism is the awareness of making disciples of Jesus, /and we must work hard as we go and make disciples.

/II. Biblical Meaning of Evangelism. /1. Evangelism is the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ. /Read Luke 2:10, 11 again. /It says that the birth of Jesus is good news of great joy. /“Today in the town of David /a Savior has been born to you; /he is Christ the Lord.”

/We must preach about Jesus. /Jesus is our Savior. /Christ came with three offices. /He revealed the mystery of heaven as Prophet, /He became the sacrifice for our sins as Priest, /and He reigns over the heavens and the earth as the absolute and sovereign King.

/Today, the church’s calling is to preach only about Jesus. /The preaching of Jesus Christ is evangelism. /We must preach so that people will accept Jesus Christ in their hearts.

/Jesus’ apostles were martyred while testifying about Jesus. /Evangelism does not refer to worldly affairs. /Evangelism is the preaching of the gospel /and the preaching of Jesus Christ, the gospel.

/Jesus is our Mediator, /the Son of God, /and our Savior. /We must preach that Jesus’ blood alone can wash away our sins. /We preach about Jesus Christ when we evangelize.

/Evangelism is also the act of introducing Jesus. /Evangelism is the act of leading many souls to Jesus. /Jesus Christ is the gospel.

/2. Evangelism is the preaching of the message of the cross. 1 Corinthians 1:18, 23. /The cross of Jesus is very important. /God’s love and justice are well displayed in the cross of our Lord. /Jesus died a miserable death on the cross because of our sins.

/Hence, the cross completed God’s justice. /The wages of sin is death. /Jesus forgave us of all our sins on the cross. /The cross displays the love of God.

/The cross tells us the fact that God loves us most. /Also, it is through the cross /that God loves you. /Jesus loves you so much that He took up all your sins /and died on the cross.

/If we believe in the cross and resurrection, /our sins will be forgiven and we can become children of God. /Therefore, we believers must evangelize, which is the act of preaching about the cross. /The cross also restored our relationship with God.

/We were enemies of God because of sin. /However, we were reconciled with God through the cross. /We were reconciled with God through the cross, /and we were

reconciled with others.

/The cross displays God's love, /and it shows God's justice. /The cross also reconciled God with man. /Still, those who will perish see the cross as foolishness.

/The apostle Paul said to the church at Corinth, /"For the message of the cross /is foolishness to those who are perishing, /but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." /God spoke of this gospel from the Old Testament times /after the fall of Adam.

/The core of the gospel is the cross. /Anyone who believes in the cross can be forgiven of his sins and become a child of God. /Adam ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, /and he hid behind a tree in the Garden. /God came to him then.

/"Adam, where are you?" /God looked for Adam. /Then when God found Adam, /God clothed him with garments of skin. /What must die for garments of skin to be made?

/An animal must die for garments of skin to be made. /What is the animal a type of? /It was the type of the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross. /God continued to speak of the cross after the fall of man.

/Where else is the cross referred to in the Old Testament times? /Pharaoh did not want to send out the Israelites. /The Israelites left Egypt /when God made Pharaoh surrender /after the tenth plague.

/When the great plague fell on Egypt, /the firstborn of men and animals all died. /However, what homes did God protect? /God protected the homes of those who slaughtered lambs /and put the blood of the lambs on their door frames.

/What did the blood represent? /It represented the blood of Jesus. /Hence, the cross is the gospel. /We sinners received forgiveness of our sins of the past, present, and the future /through the blood of Jesus. /What else did animal sacrifices mean in the Old Testament?

/It signified the cross of the Lord. /The sacrifice of the Old Testament symbolize Jesus. /This was the type of death of Jesus on the cross as a result of our sins. /We must preach the message of the cross so that many others can receive salvation.

/However, the message of the cross will appear foolish /to those who are perishing. /Unbelievers say, "How can we be saved just by believing that Jesus died on the cross?" /However, the cross has amazing power to those who are saved.

/Those who hear the gospel of the cross today /make many changes in the world. /Many people have experienced the power of the cross. /Those who experienced the power of the cross were changed.

/Those who experienced the power of the cross received forgiveness of their sins and gained freedom. /Preaching about the cross is evangelism.

/3. Evangelism /is the act of testifying about the resurrection of Jesus. 1 Corinthians 15:3,
4. /There are two pillars in Christianity. /First, it is the cross that Jesus was crucified on
because of our sins, /and second, it is the resurrection of Jesus on the third day.

/Today, preaching about Jesus' resurrection is evangelism. /If there was no resurrection
of Jesus, /we would still be in sin /and would be doomed to eternal destruction. /If this
were so, we would be the most pitiable people in the world.

/Preaching about Jesus' resurrection is evangelism. /Jesus' resurrection teaches /that
Jesus is the Son of God, /we were made righteous, /and that we too will be resurrected.

/Jesus' disciples laid down their lives and preached the gospel /because of their faith in
resurrection. /There is peace /and joy /in those who believe in Jesus' resurrection. /Those
who believe in the resurrection will discover their calling.

/God gives power to those who believe in the resurrection. /How were the disciples able
to be martyrs? /It was because they believed in the resurrection. /Testifying about Jesus'
resurrection is evangelism. /Evangelism is the act of saving those who are dying, /giving
hop to the hopeless, /and leading perishing people down the path of eternal life.

/Jesus /came to the disciples who were afraid. /The resurrected Jesus came to His
disciples. /What was the first thing Jesus said to them? /"Peace be with you." /The
disciples were joyful to have met the resurrected Lord.

/The disciples who saw the resurrected Jesus began to carry out their calling. /The
resurrected Jesus said to His disciples. /"Receive the power of the Holy Spirit." /"Be
witnesses of my resurrection." /Evangelism is the act of preaching about the cross of
Jesus /and the resurrection of Jesus.

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/We received forgiveness of our sins through Jesus. /We also became children of God.
/We will live forever in heaven. /Therefore, we must testify about the cross and
resurrection of Jesus whether others listen to us or not.

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