The Meaning of Evangelism

**Reading – Matthew 28:11-20**

Proclaim the Gospel (Good news or glad tidings) ***When Timothy came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of faith & charity*** ***[1 Thessalonians 3:6]***

...***Moreover brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also you have received, and wherein you stand; By which you are saved if you keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless you have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures*** ***[1 Corinthians 15:1-3]***

Why do we have to hear the gospel on a regular basis? ***[Ephesians 4:11-12]*** ***Jesus gave some to be apostles, and some to be prophets, and some to be evangelists; and some to be pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ.***

Make a list of your deficiencies; Knowledge...Patience...Wisdom...Study skills...Evangelism is for the perfecting of those skills

***[2 Timothy 2:2]*** ***The things which you have heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.***

**the misnomer of “personal evangelism”** Is there any other kind?

***[Acts 8:1-4]***  ***And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.***

You need to evangelize so there will be no chink in your armor. ***Have your feet shod with the gospel [Ephesians 6:12]***

We are commanded to ***be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you.*** ***[1 Peter 3:15]***

**the 2 fundamentals of evangelism**

Both are found in ***[1 Thessalonians 1:5]*** ***For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power.***

***Let no man despise your youth, but be an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity*** ***[1 Timothy 4:12]*** NOT BY MIRACLES

Example is the key... ***(1 Thessalonians 2:10) You are witnesses and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe;***

Jesus had that winning edge ***[Ephesians 4:8]*** ***When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive.***

***[Romans 6:16]*** ***Know you not, that to whom you yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants you are to whom you obey; whether of son unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness.***

***[John 8:32]*** ***You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free***

***[Ephesians 6:10]Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.***

**evangelism means talking about the gospel**

***[Romans 1:16]*** ***For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes.***