

## Part Three: The Mission of the Church

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**LESSON 10** \_\_\_\_\_ **EVANGELISM**

**LESSON 11** \_\_\_\_\_ **PERSONAL EVANGELISM**

**LESSON 12** \_\_\_\_\_ **EDIFICATION**

**LESSON 13** \_\_\_\_\_ **MINISTRY TO POOR**

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**I. The Importance of This Work:**

- A. First seen in the universal need of salvation.
  - 1. Romans 3:9-10—All under sin.
  - 2. Romans 3:23—All have sinned and fallen short.
  - 3. Galatians 3:22—All things under sin.
  - 4. Ephesians 2:1-5—Dead in trespasses and sins.
  - 5. Ephesians 2:12—Having no hope, without God.
- B. The gospel of Christ is God’s power to save (Rom. 1:16-17).
  - 1. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4—Corinthians saved by gospel.
  - 2. Acts 11:14—Words to save Cornelius.
  - 3. 1 Corinthians 4:15—Begotten by the gospel (1 Pet. 1:23).
  - 4. John 15:3—Cleansed by the words of Christ.
  - 5. Matthew 13:19; Luke 8:11—Word of God is the Seed of Kingdom.
  - 6. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4—Those to whom gospel is veiled perish.
  - 7. Ephesians 3:6—Partakers of promises of Christ.
  - 8. Acts 20:32—Able to give inheritance among sanctified.
  - 9. 2 Timothy 1:10—Life and immortality brought to light.
  - 10. Romans 16:25-27—Made known unto obedience of faith.

**II. The Church is God’s Agency in This Work of Evangelization:**

- A. Matthew 20:1-16—The Church compared to householder who goes out to hire laborers into the vineyard.
- B. Acts 13:1-3—The Church the sending agency.
- C. Matthew 13:3-9—The Church the sowing agency.
- D. 1 Timothy 3:14-15—The Church the pillar and ground of truth.
- E. Ephesians 3:10—Wisdom of God to be made known through church.
- F. Ephesians 3:21—God to be glorified in the Church throughout all ages.
- G. Ephesians 4:11-12—Building up body of Christ mission of Church.

**III. 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.**

- A. Churches of Macedonia (2 Cor. 11:8-9).
- B. Church at Thessalonica (1 Thess. 1:2-8).
- C. Church at Philippi (Phil. 1:3-5; 2:25-30; 4:14-20).
- D. Church at Antioch (Acts 13:1-3; 14:27-28).
- E. Jerusalem Church (Acts 8:1-6).

**IV. 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.

**Questions for Discussion:**

1. Define the word "evangelism." \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What is the universal need of everyone? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What is God's only appointed means to save the world? Give the proof. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What is God's agency to evangelize the world? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. How is this demonstrated in the parable of the laborers in the Vineyard? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What is to be the sending agency? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What is the Church in respect to the support of the truth? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. In what way is the Church the "building up" agency? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Give some New Testament Churches that were centers of missionary work. \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. What was the divine order of evangelizing the world (Acts 1:8)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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