

## **URGENCY OF THE GOSPEL**

Manvel Bible Chapel Family Bible Hour – 20 February 2022

### **Attention Step:**

#### **SHOW SLIDE - FACTORS SHOWING OUR GOSPEL PRIORITIES**

- Does Gospel presentation affect where we choose to live?
- Does ability to gather with Christians influence job choice?
- Does priority of the gospel supersede conflicting employer expectations?
- What topics take highest priority in speaking with friends and strangers?
- Do secular urgencies constantly put spiritual priorities on hold?

#### **SHOW SLIDE – INTRODUCTORY THOUGHTS**

##### **Introduction:**

- FIRST:** I'm preaching to myself today!
- With how many people do you rub shoulders, or interact, every day?
  - In elevators?
  - In the grocery store?
  - At a restaurant?
  - At work?
  - In sports oriented gatherings?
    - Even in public events, where personal conversation may be difficult, do you go prepared to share a good Gospel tract?
  - In the day of judgment, how many people, with whom you came in contact will be able to say, I never heard about Christ?
- Introduce those present, to the tract "CHRISTIAN: GO TELL!"
  - Let them know they can find some in the back or look on the following website for this title -- . "CHRISTIAN: GO TELL!"

#### **SHOW SLIDE: with links to the article**

PLAIN SINGLE PAGE FORMAT:

<http://lightingdarkness.com/christian-go-tell/>

OR

Just go to the <http://lightingdarkness.com> website and search on "CHRISTIAN: GO TELL!"

TRACT FORMAT:

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## Overview of Lesson

### **SHOW SLIDE OF OVERVIEW**

1. **Apart from the Gospel, mankind is fallen deserving no Mercy.**
2. **Faith comes by Hearing and Hearing by the Word of God.**
3. **Only the Redeemed can testify of Christ's work in their hearts.**

## Body of Lesson:

### **(click to highlight POINT 1)**

1. **Apart from the Gospel, mankind is fallen and without hope.**

-Sin is what makes the Gospel Necessary.

--Romans 5:12 – “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

### **(click to highlight “IGNORING SIN)**

-Ignoring sin and emphasizing only the love of God leaves the unsaved without a sense of urgency to repent

--“God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life”

--John 3:16 is often left unbalanced by John 3:36.

---John 3:36 – “36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

### **(click to show real world examples of this danger)**

--Give example of fellow officer who said, “A loving God wouldn't send me to Hell for simply not believing in Him; would He?”

--Give example of military boss who said “A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.”

--Young Christian man asked, “shouldn't we emphasize the Gospel rather than sin?”

### **(click to show “You can't present the gospel without dealing with sin!)**

-You can't present the Gospel without dealing with sin!

--John the Baptist made this clear to Herod.

---Mark 6:17-18 – “17 For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her. 18 For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife.

### **(click to show example preacher who claimed John sinned by doing this)**

--One Christian teacher, I once knew, argued that John had sinned in so blatantly rebuking a political leader and pointed to his subsequent execution as proof.

**(click to show what Jesus said about John)**

--However Jesus said:

---Matthew 11:11 -- “Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

**(click to show John’s execution was implied in his earlier prediction)**

---In fact, this was all part of what John had earlier prophesied:

----John 3:30 – “He must increase, but I must decrease.”

**(click to show Publican example)**

--The publican knew the Gospel entails God’s mercy toward sinners.

---Luke 18:13-14 – “13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, **God be merciful to me a sinner.** 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.”

**(click to show thief on the cross example)**

--The thief on the cross understood this too.

---Luke 28:40-43 – “40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, **Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?** 41 **And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds:** but this man hath done nothing amiss. 42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. 43 And **Jesus said** unto him, Verily I say unto thee, **To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.”**

**(click to show problem is so severe most will never be saved)**

-The problem is so severe, most will never be saved!!!

--Matthew 7:13-14 -- 13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and **few there be that find it.**

--“Many” is more than “few”. More will end up in the lake of fire than will end up in Heaven

**(click to highlight POINT 2)**

**2. Faith comes by Hearing and Hearing by the Word of God**

-We must present a Biblical Gospel – Not a “watered down” Gospel.

--It must be the Gospel presented in the word of God.

-The Lord Jesus Christ declared this through the apostle Paul.

--Romans 10:16-17 – “16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**”

**(click to show Jesus explanation of conversion to Nicodemus)**

-Jesus told Nicodemus that it takes the Holy Spirit, working through the Word of God to quicken (make alive) a dead heart

--John 3:6-86 – “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The **wind bloweth where it listeth**, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: **so is every one that is born of the Spirit.**”

**(click to show the true Gospel is a very expensive one)**

-The true Gospel is a VERY EXPENSIVE ONE!

--2 Corinthians 5:21 -- For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

---Have you pondered the INFINITY of pain, agony, and horror Christ bore, just for you?

---Multiply that by millions for all the redeemed.

**(click to highlight POINT 3)**

**3. If you're saved you're one of the few that can testify of Christ's work in their hearts.**

-There is no need to wait for training to speak of Christ's work in your heart.

--Consider Samaritan woman (John 3:1-42)

---She believed and asked Jesus for “Living Water”

----Jesus told her to call her husband

-----She eagerly left her pot and brought back many to see Jesus.

--Consider the Gadarene demoniac (Mark 5:1-20).

---Wanted to stay with Jesus but Jesus said “go tell.”

**(click to show that the unsaved cannot tell how Christ saved them)**

-Only those who are saved know Christ AND are known of Him

--Jesus, speaking to the Pharisees told them they didn't know Him or his Father.

---John 8:19 – “Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.”

**(click to show contrast with Christians who can!)**

--In contrast, Christians know His voice and are known of Him and follow Him.

---John 10:4 – “And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for **they know his voice.**

---John 10:27 – “My sheep hear my voice, and **I know them, and they follow me:**”

**(click to show Christ’s command to preach the Gospel everywhere)**

-Besides all this we have a direct command to preach the Gospel!

--John 16:15 – “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

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**Closing Comments**

-Watchman on the wall (Ezekiel 3:16-19)

--God told Ezekiel he had made him a “watchman” to the house of Israel.

---Ezekiel 3:16-19 – “16 ¶ And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. 18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. 19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.”

**(click to show that this includes elect gentiles)**

--But remember: Those who come to trust in Christ are the Spiritual Children of Abraham.

---Galatians 3:6-9 -- 6 ¶ Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. 7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. 8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. 9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

**(click to show Paul's sense of urgency as an example)**

-Apostle Paul's sense of urgency. (1 Corinthians 9:16)

--1 Corinthians 9:16 – “For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!”

--We, as Christians, have a deep and mighty responsibility to warn the unsaved. Do we take it seriously?

**(click to show my own incompetencies and the consequent use of tracts)**

-Like some of you I find it difficult to approach strangers “cold-turkey”

--This is where I find the tracts helpful

---If I can put a tract in their hands it will sometimes stimulate discussion between us

---Even if it doesn't they may read it at home and even comment to me weeks later.

---Ultimately, however, we know that if we present God's Word it won't return to Him void.

**(click to conclude with a Scripture which should encourage us in this)**

----Isaiah 55: 10-11 -- 10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 11 **So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**

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