

ACTS OF WORSHIP: EVANGELISM**I. THOUGHTS ON EVANGELISM.**

- A. Evangelists are men of God who have a very special function to perform in the church. Although every member of the church should be evangelistic in their attitude and life, God specifies a work to be done by one certain man; the evangelist.
- B. An evangelist is one who proclaims or brings good news (the gospel). When we tell others about Jesus then we are evangelizing them. God wants everyone to tell other about Him as we go through our daily lives.
- C. But the Evangelist, is one specially set aside by God to preach to those within the church and those outside the church. To preach is to proclaim publicly. So the evangelist is to publicly proclaim the gospel to everyone who needs it; and that is everyone.
- D. The function of the church is to preach the gospel (Eph. 3:10). Which means that every member, to some extent, should be sharing their faith with others, as they have opportunity.
- E. There are many soul-winning methods today, but the best one is the one everyone can use. That is just plain talking to people about Jesus and the church. Even if you don't know every scripture, you can still evangelize.
- F. The Evangelist leads the way in studying the Bible with those who are not Christians. The members of the congregation follow his example and have their own conversations and studies with their friends.
- G. Evangelists should preach the entire counsel of God, from the pulpit, but should always have a majority of evangelistic sermons. When the members do their part in inviting their friends to worship, the evangelist can tell them what they must do to be saved.
- H. Those who are not old enough to be able to accurately study with someone from the Bible can still evangelize. It can be done by; invitation to church, invitation to your home where you can talk, invitation to church social events, invitation to a group Bible study, or just talking in the backyard, playground, school yard, lunch line, sporting events, etc.
- I. Evangelism should be a natural thing for a Christian to do. He should be so happy about his life in Christ, that he can't help share the good news with others. Maybe if we aren't evangelizing like we should we are not in the right relationship with Jesus ourselves. We need to be right with God, before we can make someone else right with God.
- J. Second Corinthians 5:11-21 tells us that we (Christians) are ambassadors for Christ. If we don't preach the message, it won't be preached! Therefore, let us continue to do what Jesus did; seek and save the lost (Lk. 19:10).

II. SOME SCRIPTURES ON EVANGELISM.

- A. See Lk. 19 :10; 1Tim. 1:15; 1Pet. 2:21; Mk. 2:17; Jn. 3:17; Ac. 8:4.
- B. See Rom. 10:14,15; 1Cor. 2:1,2; 15 :1-4; 2Cor. 4:13; 5:11-21.
- C. See Gal. 1:6-9; Eph. 3:10; Phil. 1:15-18; Col. 1:25-29; 1Th. 2:11; 2Th. 2:14,15.
- D. See 1Tim. 4 :16; 2Tim. 4:1-5; Jas. 5:19,20; 1Pet. 4:11; 2Pet. 1:16.
- E. See 1Jn. 5:13; 2Jn. 9; 3Jn. 12; Jude 1:3; Rev. 12:11.