

I. Text: Acts 10:43-48 43 Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins." 44 While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the word. 45 And all the circumcised believers who came with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. 46 For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and magnifying God. Then Peter answered, 47 "Can anyone refuse water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?" 48 And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for a few days.

The three main points of the sermon are: 1. **Jesus died for EVERYONE / salvation is available all** (everyone who believes receives forgiveness of sins) – why is UNLIMITED ATONEMENT not only Biblical but also vital/important to our church or how we approach evangelism? 2. **True believers are given the GIFT of the Holy Spirit who indwells, empowers, and enables Biblical change** – What evidence should you look for/how do you recognize real Christians who are truly baptized/dwelt by the Holy Spirit? 3. **True believers DESIRE to publicly identify with the Lord as His followers/worshippers and other believers in a local church through believers baptism** – How should we approach someone who claims to be a Christian but is reluctant, avoiding, or even dismissive of the importance of water baptism after believing/conversion (repentance and faith in Jesus as Lord)?

II. Introduction: Be FAITHFUL in the Great Commission and EXPERTS on the Biblical Gospel

1. God's P _____: Relationship (Mt. 22:37-39, John 17:3, Rev. 21:3-4)
2. Man's P _____: Sin (Romans 3:9-10, 23/6:23, Ecc. 7:20, Is. 53:4-6)
3. God's P _____: Jesus (His life, death, and rez - John 3:16-18, 5:24, 6:29,40, 8:24,10:27-30, 11:25-27, 14:1,6,23, Col. 2:-13-15, 1 Peter 2:24,3:18)
4. Man's P _____: Believing (Repentance and Faith – Mark 1:15, Acts 20:21, Heb. 6:1-2)
5. God's P _____: Life (Eternal Life – New Life now / Heavenly Life later – John 3:36, 7:38, 10:10, 20:31)

Blanks: 5 P's: Plan, Problem, Provision, Participation, Promise

1. (The S _____ of God) God Created us for His purpose (to Love Him, Know Him, Serve Him, and Worship Him Forever) Acts 17:26-28
2. (The S _____ of Man) We have all Rebelled against God and are slaves to sin, death, Satan, and deserve Hell. 2 Thess. 1:7-9
3. (The S _____/Love of Jesus) Jesus Reconciled us to have peace with God and enjoy a close personal relationship with Him forever. Mt. 20:28
4. (The S _____ of Believers) God Commands everyone to repent and believe by faith in Jesus as our Savior and Lord. Rom.10:9-13, 1Jn.4:2,15-16
5. (The S _____ of the Holy Spirit) God Promises to give everyone who believes the Holy Spirit to indwell, empower, and persevere to receive the full completion of salvation (rapture or resurrection to enter heaven, gain entrance into Jesus' coming Kingdom on earth, and dwell with God forever in the Eternal/New Heavens, New Earth, and New Jerusalem) Ephesians 1:13-14

Blanks: 5 S's: Sovereignty, Sinfulness, Service, Salvation, Seal

1. The C _____ of Salvation: God (God planned, provided, and perseveres our salvation) John 3:13-18, Romans 3:21-26, Titus 3:4-7
2. The N _____ for Salvation: Sin (rebellion against God and His laws – living for ourselves rather than our Creator) Is.53:6,59:2,Ps.130:3,143:2,Pv. 20:9
3. The S _____ of Salvation: JESUS CHRIST (His perfect life = righteousness, His sacrificial death = forgiveness, His victorious resurrection = eternal life) 1 Cor. 15:3-4, Romans 5:8-10, John 3:15-18, Rom. 3:21-26, Phil. 3:8-12, Titus 3:3-7, 2 Cor. 5:15-21
4. The R _____ to Salvation: BELIEVING (a heart attitude of Repentance of Sin and Faith to follow Jesus as LORD) Acts 2:38, 3:19, 5:31, 8:37, 10:43, 11:18-21, 13:48, 16:31, 17:30, 19:4, 20:21, 26:20
5. The P _____ of Salvation: – THE HOLY SPIRIT (indwelling power of God that motivates and empowers you towards holy living) Eph. 1:13-14, 2 Cor. 1:22, 1 John 2:3-6, 3:24, 4:13

Blanks: 5 Aspects: Creator, Need, Source, Response, Proof

What is your favorite gospel tract or method of sharing the Gospel? What passages relating to the gospel do you have memorized? Where would you read from the Bible in order to share the gospel the most precisely and powerfully?

III. Main Points (10 Truths of Evangelism)

1. (10:36a) The Gospel is a word/message of P _____ (reconciliation with God)

- a. Peace (εἰρήνη *Eirene*: peace, welfare, to be undisturbed Origin: from εἶρω *eiro* (to join)
- b. Peace/reconciliation with God verses: Romans 5:1-11, Col. 1:20-22, 1 Peter 3:18, Eph. 2:13-22, 2 Cor. 5:15-21

Why is peace/reconciliation with God necessary? How exactly is it achieved? How exactly is it received/appropriated?

2. (10:36b) Jesus is the C _____ (the anointed/chosen one, Messiah-Deliverer/Redeemer)

- a. Christ - Χριστός *Christos*: the Anointed One, Messiah, Christ (Acts 2:31-33, 3:18-21, 10:42-3,16:30-31,17:2-3,26:23)
- b. Jesus is the Christ verses: (Mt.12:40, 16:15-17, 21, 26:63-64, Mk.8:31, 9:31, 10:34, Lk.9:22, 23:35, 24:46, Jn.1:40-41, 11:25-27)

Where in the Bible did Jesus clearly claim to be the Christ and how did He prove He was the long awaited Christ/Messiah?

3. (10:36c) Jesus is L _____ (King of kings, Lord of lords)

- a. Lord - κύριος *kurios*: lord, master Origin: from κύρος *kuros* (authority)
- b. Jesus is Lord verses: Acts 2:36, 20:21, Romans 10:9-13, 14:9, 1 Cor. 12:3, Phil. 2:5-11, 1 Tim. 6:11-16, 2 Peter 3:18, Rev. 17:14, 19:16

How would you answer a friend or child who asks what exactly the confession "Jesus is Lord" means – how would you answer someone who claims that you only need to believe/have faith in Jesus as Savior, but not repent or follow Jesus as Lord (Lordship salvation)?

4. (10:37-39a) Jesus' P _____/sinless life = imputed righteousness/right standing with God

- a. Anointed by the Holy Spirit (πνεύματι ἁγίῳ)
- b. Power (δύναμις *dunamis*: miraculous power, might, strength)
- c. Doing good (healing ALL oppressed by the devil) εὐεργετέω *euergeteo*: to do good, working good/good works
- d. God was with Him (ὄτι ὁ θεὸς ἦν μετ' αὐτοῦ)
- e. All the things He did in Israel/Jerusalem (πάντων ὧν ἐποίησεν)
- f. Sinlessness of Christ verses: Heb. 4:15-16, 7:26-28, 2 Cor. 5:21, 1 Peter 2:21-24, 1 John 1:5, 3:5, Acts 3:14, 7:52, 22:14

Why is the sinlessness of Jesus critical to our salvation? Where are the Jesus was perfect/sinless passages in Scripture? What do we mean when we say Jesus demonstrated His deity and all the signs/powers/miracles during His 1st coming that will be true/real for 1000 years in the coming Kingdom (demonstration of His power over disease, disaster, demons, the devil, and death)

5. **(10:39b) Jesus' S_____ death on the cross = payment for our sins** (His blood paid to God the Father to satisfy His justice/wrath so we have total forgiveness of sins past, present, and future)

- The tree: (ἀνείλαν κρεμάσαντες ἐπὶ ξύλου) (put to death, hang upon the tree)
- Cross/died for our sins verses: 1 Pet. 2:24, 3:18, Col. 2:13-15, Is. 53:4-6, 1 Cor. 15:3-4, Gal. 3:13-14, Heb. 9:27-28
- Blood is the source verses: 1 John 1:7, Ephesians 1:7-8, Revelation 1:5-6, Romans 3:24-25, 5:8-9, 1 Peter 1:19

Where and how many times did Jesus present His blood for us in order to obtain eternal redemption for us? (Heb. 9:11-12)

6. **(10:40) Jesus' V_____ resurrection = eternal life** (promise/guarantee of our resurrection from the dead) **(10:40)**

- Raised on the 3rd day (ἐγείρω *egeiro*: to waken, to raise up)
- Resurrection of Jesus Chapters: Mt. 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20

Why is the resurrection foundational to Christianity? (Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-20)

7. **(10:40b-41) Jesus' post resurrection A_____** (eye-witness testimony that is evidence of Jesus' deity/eternality)

- Visible/appeared - ἐμφανής *emphanes*: manifest
- Eyewitnesses of the Resurrection verses: 1 Cor. 15:3-8

Why is eye-witness testimony vital to our faith? (Read 1 John 1:1-3, 2 Peter 1:18-21) everything confirmed 2-3 witnesses—Dt.17:6,19:15,Mt.18:16,2 Cor.13:1,1 Tim.5:19,Heb. 10:28)

8. **(10:42) Jesus' G_____ C_____** (we ALL are commanded by our Lord to preach the gospel to everyone and make disciples of all ethnicities/nations and to WARN people of the coming wrath/judgment of God through Jesus as the Judge of the Living and the Dead!)

- Preach - κηρύσσω *kerusso*: to be a herald, proclaim
- Testify - διαμαρτύρομαι *diamarturomai*: to affirm solemnly
- Warn of Judgment – Jesus is coming back to judge the living and the dead
- Appointed by God (ὀρίζω *horizo*: to mark off by boundaries, to determine) as The Judge of the Living and the Dead (κριτής *krites*: a judge)
- Great Commission Verses: Mt. 28:18-20, Mk. 16:15, Lk. 24:47-48, John 20:31, Acts 1:8, Romans 10:14-17

How are you praying, playing, and striving/taking the initiative to be faithful to the Great Commission?

9. **(10:43) Jesus' awesome gospel/promise of salvation is to E_____!**...everyone who believes receives forgiveness of sins

- Believes - πιστεύω *pisteuo*: to believe, entrust
- Receives - λαμβάνω *lambano*: to take, receive
- Forgiveness - ἄφεσις *aphesis*: dismissal, release, fig. *pardon*, *Origin*: ἄφεσις *aphesis*: dismissal, release, fig. *pardon*
- Christ died for everyone: John 1:29, 3:16-18, 4:42, 1 John 2:2, Rom. 8:32, 1 Tim. 2:4-6, Heb. 2:9, 2 Cor. 5:15-21, 1 Peter 3:18, 2 Peter 3:9, Ezek. 18:23, 32, Titus 2:11
- Everyone is invited to salvation verses: Mt. 10:32, 16:24-25, Luke 6:47-48, 12:8-9, 14:11, John 5:24, 6:40, 9:31/Acts 10:34-35, John 11:25-26, 12:46, Acts 2:21, 2:38/Joel 2:32, Acts 10:43, Romans 10:4, 9-13, Gal. 3:22, 1 John 4:15

Why is it so dangerous and twisting the Biblical gospel when some preach Christ only died for the elect and NOT fore everyone? Is it good news for everyone if Christ might not have died for you, and might have elected you to Hell? How does this jive with Acts 10:34-35? Name one verse that supports Christ DIDN'T die for everyone? What do you do with 2 Peter 2:1, 2 Thess. 2:12, Romans 11:20-23?

10. **(10:44-46) Jesus' gift/baptism of the H_____ S_____ is given as immediate proof and validation of salvation** (genuine belief/repentance/faith in Jesus as Lord)

- Holy Spirit fell upon - ἐπιπίπτω *epiippto*: to fall upon
- Poured out - ἐκχύνω *ekchunno*: to pour out, fig. *to bestow*
- Gift - δωρεά *dorea*: a gift
- Tongues (languages) - γλῶσσα *glossa*: the tongue, a language
- Magnifying - μεγαλύνω *megaluno*: to make or declare great
- Verses on indwelling and seal of the Holy Spirit: John 14:16-17, 15:26, 16:7-15, Romans 8:9, Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30, 1 Cor. 3:16, 2 Cor. 1:22, 6:16-19, 12:9, Eph. 2:22, 3:17, 2 Tim. 1:14, Titus 3:3-7

Baptism/indwelling/seal of the Holy Spirit vs The filling/empowering/enabling/completing by the Holy Spirit (Greek words πληρώω *pleroo* – to make full, fulfill/complete - and πίμπλημι *pimplemi* – to fill, be full of)

- John the Baptist Prophecy of Jesus baptizing with the Holy Spirit (Mt. 3:11, Mk. 1:8, Lk. 3:16, Jn. 1:33)
- Jesus' Promise of the Holy Spirit (John 7:38-39, John 14:7)
- The Disciples Promise or Receiving the Holy Spirit (11 disciples – John 20:22)
- The Coming/Falling of the Holy Spirit/Baptism of the Church (Pentecost – Acts 2, Samaritans – Acts 8, Gentiles Acts 10, OT saints in Ephesians –Acts 19)
- The Filling of the Holy Spirit at special times for special missions (Lk. 1:15, 1:41, 1:67, Acts 2:4, 2:8-11/Psalm 16:8-11, 4:8, 4:31, 9:17, 13:9, 13:52, Rom. 15:13, 15:14, 15:19, 2 Cor. 7:4, Eph. 1:23, 3:19, 5:18, Phil. 1:11, 2:2, 4:19, Col. 1:9, 1:25, 4:17, 1 Thess. 1:11, 2 Tim. 1:4, 1 John 1:4, 2 John 1:12).

For those who claim tongues are still for today, or that someone has to speak in tongues in order to be saved – how would you answer them from Scripture? (Read in 1 Cor. 12:40 - not every speaks in tongues/tongues clearly are NOT a requirement for salvation, 1 Cor. 13:8 tongues, prophecy, and gift of knowledge will cease when the maturity of the church comes). Not everyone even in Acts speaks in tongues when they are saved (Jerusalem - Acts 2, Samaria - Acts 8, Saul - Acts 9, Gentiles - Acts 10, Philippians -Acts 16, Ephesians - Acts 19). For further research read the excellent article www.gotquestions.org/speak-in-tonques-saved.html

IV. Application: Romans 8:1-16 (Make sure you have evidence/fruits of the Holy Spirit showing your commitment to Christ as Lord is genuine – including basic bench marks of Christianity – believer's baptism, church membership, daily devotions, evangelism, and progressive sanctification/growth in Christlikeness and willingness, pursuit, and obedience to Christ's commands)

(10:47-48) Jesus' command for believers to be baptized in W_____ (should be soon after conversion as EVIDENCE/proof of salvation)

- Baptized in water (βαπτίζω *baptizo*: to dip, sink, immerse, envelope/overwhelm completely)
- Who have received the Holy Spirit (λαμβάνω *lambano*: to take, receive)
- Baptized in the NAME of Jesus Christ (ὄνομα *onoma*: a name, authority, cause)

Command to baptized: Matt. 28:18-20 (Why does God command believers to be baptized in water?) Where else is water baptism commanded/implied in Scripture?

Symbolism of Baptism (Jesus life, death, resurrection, spiritual rebirth, spiritual cleansing) Rom. 6:3-11, Acts 22:16 (Why should a believing child wait to be baptized if they don't yet comprehend the symbolism of baptism or the right motivation for baptism – obedience to the Lord vs parents/peers/pastors)

John the Baptist's baptism of repentance (preparation for salvation) Matt. 3:11, Mk. 1:8, Lk. 3:16, Jn. 1:26, 1:31, 1:33, 3:23, Acts 1:5, 11:16

Jesus' water baptism baptism (why do you think Jesus was baptized?) Matt. 3:13-17, Mk. 1:9-11, Lk. 3:21-22 Why was Jesus baptized?

Jesus' disciple's baptizing (why do you think the disciples rather than Jesus did the baptizing?) Jn. 3:22, Jn. 4:1-2 Why did Jesus not baptize?

Jesus' baptism into suffering (Luke 12:50 – Jesus' crucifixion/Our propitiation – Mt. 27, Mk. 15, Lk. 23, Jn.19) What baptism saves us? 1 Peter 3:18-21

10 examples of Believer's Baptism in water in the book of Acts: Acts 2:41, Acts 8:12, Acts 8:13, Acts 8:35-39, Acts 9:18, Acts 10:47-48 Acts 16:14-15, Acts 16:33, Acts 18:8, Acts 19:1-7 Why do you think every baptism in the book of Acts is the SAME DAY as the person's belief/confession/conversion?

*** Extra Credit: What is the one example of a baptism in Acts where the person baptized may be a false convert/pseudo believer? Can TBC guarantee we never baptize those who aren't really Christians? How can TBC best protect against baptizing false converts/pseudo believers?