Sunday, July 30, 2023 Dr. John Welborn

Share the Gospel

"For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." Romans 8:24-25

Share the Gospel!

"Now, perhaps more than ever, people are open to conversations about faith, yet this study reveals few Christians actually take the opportunity to engage in personal evangelism."

John Sorensen, Director of Evangelism Explosion

The Gospel is God's Most Important Message, and it is Our Calling to Share it

I. The Details of the Gospel Message

"Now I would remind you, brothers, of the **gospel** I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved...that **Christ died** for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was **buried**, that he was **raised** on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures." 1 Corinthians 15:1-2a, 3b-4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes..." Romans 1:16a

"This Jesus...has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:11a, 12

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II. The Difference the Gospel Makes

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

"For we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." Acts 4:20

Testimony in Three Parts:

- Life Before Christ
- Being Saved by Christ
- The Difference Christ has Made

"Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me all that I ever did.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.'" John 4:39-42

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III. The Deal the Gospel Offers

"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Romans 10:13

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, **God making his appeal through us**. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." **2 Corinthians 5:20**

"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his way, in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul." Ezekiel 3:17-19

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I'm Saved! Now What?

- Get Baptized
- Join a Local Church
- Start Praying
- Get in the Bible
- Share the Gospel

It's Good to Be Saved! How do you get Saved?

"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved." Acts 16:31b

Sources and Further Reading Opportunities:

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