

FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FAITH

Evangelism & the Believer

LESSON 11



Memory Verse

But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.



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⁸But 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.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.



“The mission of Harvest Bible Detroit West is to honor God through the fulfillment of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) in the spirit of the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40).”



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“No one of us... can be exempted from the work of spreading the gospel because we are engaged in some other work. Good as it is, though it may be very intimately connected to the kingdom of Christ, yet it does not exonerate us from the work of endeavoring to bring sinners to Christ.

“There is nothing whatsoever in the whole world compass of Scripture to excuse any mouth from speaking for Jesus when the heart is really acquainted with His salvation.... We are all called to make Jesus known if we know Him.”



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- ✓ The call to witness is a command
 - ✓ The gospel is a sacred trust
 - ✓ Hindrances to witnessing
 - ✓ Intimidation; fear of failing
 - ✓ Peer pressure; fear of rejection or judged
 - ✓ Ignorance of the gospel message
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We Don't Need to Be Intimidated

- ✓ The gospel is powerful (Romans 1:16)
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For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.



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And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness,



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It Is God Who Converts

- ✓ It's God, not the messenger.
- ✓ Our job is just to deliver the message, not convince the person of the gospel.



¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.



The power that is in the gospel does not lie in the eloquence of the preacher, otherwise men would be the converters of souls, nor does it lie in the preacher's learning, otherwise it would consist in the wisdom of men. We might preach until our tongues rotted, till we would exhaust our lungs and die, but never a soul would be converted unless the Holy Spirit be with the word of God to give it power to convert the soul.



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We Need to Know the Message

- ✓ It is our responsibility to “always be ready” (1 Peter 3:15)



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2. The Good News of Evangelism: The Gospel



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To come to Christ, at a minimum, a person must understand the following:

- ✓ **They are a sinner:** Must see themselves as sinful before a holy God
- ✓ **They cannot save themselves:** Must understand their need of a savior
- ✓ **That Christ is that savior:** Must understand that through God, the sacrifice of Christ is the only means of salvation



³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,



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Man cannot save himself	Mark 10:26–27
God is holy and righteous, and He hates sin	Psalms 5:4–5
Jesus Christ is God	Colossians 2:9
Christ's death on the cross was for our sins	1 Peter 3:18
Christ offers heaven as a free gift of God	Romans 6:23



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- ✓ Ligonier's *2025 State of Theology* survey results:
 - ✓ **53%** of American evangelicals agree that “Everyone sins a little, but most people are good by nature.”
 - ✓ **53%** think that “The Holy Spirit is a force but is not a personal being.”
 - ✓ **47%** believe “God accepts the worship of all religions, including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.”

“THE RESULTS FROM OUR 2025 STATE OF THEOLOGY SURVEY ARE IN,” *LIGONIER*, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

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¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.



¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,



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³At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—⁴that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak.



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The Romans Road

ROMANS 5:8

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

ROMANS 8:1

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ...”

ROMANS 10:9

“...that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved...”

ROMANS 3:23

“...for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God...”

ROMANS 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”



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Application

