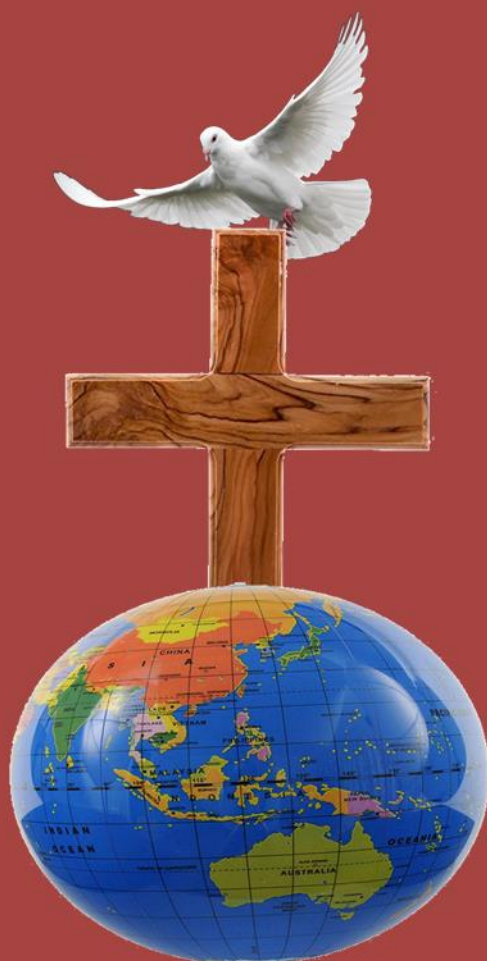


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INTRODUCTION

By Evangelism the Lord God has tried to reach the souls of men and women including the youth in this world, right from the time of Noah to the time of Jesus Christ, to the time of the early Church, to the time of Christian reformers and messengers such as Martin Luther, George Fox, John Wesley, Charles G. Finney, George Muller, D. L. Moody among others, to the present messengers of the gospel. Many people have been won to Christ Jesus by the efforts of all these servants of God by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

But it seems, there has been a little slumber now and then in the Church of Christ due to the deception of Satan that has brought in a modernism syndrome sweeping virtually all churches worldwide. No wonder the world is in churches today as it now resembles the world properly as morality and modesty has been seriously compromised and the clergy is not pointing a finger to rebuke the same. This inaction to rebuke an unbecoming behavior has affected other ministers of the gospel such as Evangelists. God now needs a

new breed of Evangelists as well as other ministers who can quickly go out their way to do the necessary and not only clean churches but to bring great harvest to the Lord at this critical time when the rapture of Christ's holy Church is just about to take place followed by the tribulation period. The Church need preparation now before it is too late and every minister of God must work overtime to have the flock under him/her ready for rapture by underscoring the need for genuine repentance and holy and righteous living. Be one of those ministers who are immediately going to do so. The Lord God will bless you in doing so, as you do the same in your own life, in Jesus' Name. Amen. (Genesis 6:9-22, Matthew 3:1-17; 4:12-17, Luke 24:36-53, Acts 1:6-11; 2:1-28:1-30)

In this book and in all my other books, I have endeavored to restrict myself in King James version of the Holy Bible in quotations and the subsequent texts, as it is the best ever translation in English and in case you are uncomfortable with of don't despair, as all is well and not lost. Whenever you find I have given a scripture quotation, just go to

your Bible (whatever version it is) and read and you will be in the same page with me in your reading.

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Chapter 1

Evangelism: Those to Evangelize

Evangelism is the preaching of the good news of Jesus Christ to the lost world. God never intended for the unregenerate to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, as a blind man can't lead another blind man, otherwise they will all fall into a pit (Matthew 15:10-14).

And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

Then came his disciples, and said unto him, knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?

But he answered and said, every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind.
And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into
the ditch:

Matthew 15:10-14

The word of God is spiritual and you need be
spiritual (in the Spirit) to understand it. It is heart
knowledge and not head knowledge. (1 Corinthians
2:10-15)

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit:
for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep
things of God.

For what man knoweth the things of a man, save
the spirit of man which is in him? even so the
things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of
God.

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world,
but the spirit which is of God; that we might know
the things that are freely given to us of God.

Which things also we speak, not in the words which
man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost
teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

1 Corinthians 2:10-15

Generally speaking, all true believers in Jesus Christ are witnesses of Jesus Christ as the body of Christ and can preach the good news to the lost to receive their salvation. (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:14-16, 1 Corinthians 3:9; 6:15; 2 Corinthians 5:20 and Romans 10:11-14)

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. A'-men.

Matthew 28:18-20

Afterward he appeared to the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Mark 16:14-16

THERE was a certain man in Cae-sa-re'-a called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,

A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always.

He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming unto him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:

He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the seaside: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

Acts 10:1-6

In the above incident we see an angel of God telling Cornelius to go call for Simon Peter who will tell him what to do. In fact, Simon Peter was needed to evangelize to Cornelius. The gospel was hidden even to the angels but was only revealed to the Church at an opportune time (1 Peter 1:10-13, 1 Corinthians 2:10-12, Colossians 1:25-29).

Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God;

Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Whereunto I also labor, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

Colossians 1:25-29

Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that would follow.

Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

1 Peter 1:10-12

For we are laborers together with God: ye are husbandry, ye are God's building:

1 Corinthians 3:9

Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of a harlot? God forbid.

1 Corinthians 6:15

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God

2 Corinthians 5:20

For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of

whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Romans 10:11-14

Specifically speaking, Evangelists are full time preachers called into the Evangelistic ministry and endowed with supernatural gift in effectively preaching the gospel to the lost and have the ability to train other believers to do the same, thereby making it possible for all believers to be effectively involved in preaching the gospel. Example are Apostle Paul and the other apostles. (Ephesians 4:11, Romans 1:1, 2 Timothy 1:11, Galatians 1:15-16, 2:7, Matthew 4:18-22)

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Ephesians 4:11-12

PAUL, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

Romans 1:1

Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

2 Timothy 1:11

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,
To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

Galatians 1:15-16

But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter;

Galatians 2:7

And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zeb'-e-dee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zeb'-e-dee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

Matthew 4:18-22

We can see from the above scriptures that the above were specifically called by the Lord Jesus Christ to minister by preaching the gospel. The above apart from being apostles, were called to do the work of evangelists in preaching the gospel. In salvation one is called generally into the kingdom of God and others at the same time or later are appointed / called into one or more specific ministry as the case of Paul called to minister in the capacity of an Apostle, an Evangelist and a Teacher. Those so called in the Ministry of the Holy Spirit although they are members of their

local churches, occasionally they go out to missions abroad and so forth and are not necessarily confined to the church where they normally belong (a local church) because they are part of a universal church and can be called upon to go and serve any other church in any part of the world.

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And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:

He lodged with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the seaside: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;

And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.

Acts 10:1 - 8

From the above scripture we see that God sent an angel to Cornelius not to preach to him but rather to give him a glad tiding that for all what he had done in showing fear for God, let him send men to Joppa to call Simon Peter who will tell him what else he need to do (to preach to him the good news of the gospel of Christ). It follows therefore that the work of Evangelism to the world is specifically assigned and left with God for Christians to do. That is why we see Jesus commanding his disciples to do Evangelism when he leaves and he did not assign that task to any other group of people (Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:14-20, Acts 1:6-11)

Chapter 2

Why Evangelize?

The whole mankind was lost after the fall of the first man Adam in the Garden of Eden, when he sinned by disobeying the commandment of God. But God, who is a loving and caring God and who is an all wise God, had a good plan for mankind and brought hope, another second chance for mankind, that they can come back to God and be reconciled to him through His only Son Jesus Christ, if only they can repent of their sins and believe in His Son.

Furthermore, Satan who was once in heaven lost focus and direction and became proud and rebelled against God and was expelled from heaven and is now in the midst of mankind and unless they totally submit to God who is their Creator, this enemy will lead them astray away from God; if they don't sober up now. That fact needs to be proclaimed to all mankind that they have to choose between God and Satan, between life and death; from henceforth. Going by the scriptures we find that the Garden of Eden was not a dwelling place for the serpent

(Satan) as God had placed man there. But later we find the serpent (Satan) in the Garden of Eden full of propaganda, he was a gate crusher and a thief, a deceiver and a murderer in addition to being a spoiler. Do you know why? Man lost God's glory as he was subjected to die and was chased away from the Garden of Eden, man had been lied by Satan that he will not surely die, but now death was inevitable and Satan had truly spoilt everything for man.

One may ask the question, Why Evangelize? As a Christian a follower of Jesus Christ, you need to evangelize because Christ evangelized (John 18:37, Matthew 4: 17; 9:35) and that one need to evangelize in an effort to populate Heaven by winning people to Christ and thereby reduce the number of those heading to Hell.

Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice.

John 18:37

Jesus told Pilate that he came into the world to bear witness unto the truth. He himself is the truth and he has brought the good news of the salvation of mankind to them that shall believe in him (John 14:1-6)

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

And whither I go you know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14: 1-6

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 4:17

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and disease among the people.

Matthew 9:35

Yes, the Lord Jesus was preaching among doing other things. Christians need follow suit - as they are followers.

2. Christ's sacrifice on the cross

Christ Jesus sacrificed his own life on the cross so as to pay the penalty of sin and his shed blood be an atonement for the sins of the world (mankind), in order for them to get their redemption. (Matthew 26:26-28, John 3: 14-16, 1 Timothy 1:15).

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take eat; this is my body.

And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Matthew 26:26-28

And as they came out, they found a man of cy-re'-ne, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross.

And when they were come to a place called Gol'-go-tha, that is to say, a place of skull.

They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

Matthew 27:32-35

It is true as he had told his disciples of his coming death. He was crucified on the cross, later buried and on the third day he resurrected.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:14-16

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

1 Timothy 1:15

3. Commandment of the Lord

To preach Jesus Christ to all mankind is a command from him to all his followers that he has provided a way, a solution to the issue of sin; that one can be forgiven and his/her sins washed away and be reconciled back to God so as to inherit eternal life in heaven with God the Father. That must be one of a Christian's business on earth and

number one business and not optional in any way.
(Mark 16:14-20, Matthew 28:16-20, 1 Corinthians 9:16-18).

Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at eat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.

So then after the Lord has spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven and sat on the right hand of God.

And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. A'-men.

Mark 16:14-20

Preaching the gospel is the obligation of every Christian. It is not small work or little work as some take it to be. Please note that it is to every creature and the number unsaved are outnumbering the number of the saved. Every Christian need to have preached to so many people and as the Holy Spirit convicts them, to have led many to Christ, not one or two or three-many. We have been told that we will take up serpents and if we drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt us. (It does not mean we do it intentionally, otherwise it is testing the Lord and we will be in for a surprise), it should however be an accidental occurrence. Remember what Jesus told Satan (Matthew 4:6-7). An example of an accident can be seen as in the case of Apostle Paul at an Island called Melita. (Acts 28:1-6)

AND when they were escaped, then they knew that the Island was called Mel-i'-ta.

And the barbarous people showed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, no doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

And he shook of the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they have looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

Acts 28:1-6

It is a fact that a viper is a very deadly snake but all the same the apostle was under divine protection and it did no harm to him. If you are a true servant

of God and walk right before him, many things may not happen to you. Remember Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah the children of Judah (Daniel 3:20-27; 6:14-24)

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshiped him: but some doubted.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is givebn unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. A'-men.

Matthew 28:16-20

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!

For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

1 Corinthians 9:16-18

Look at what Apostle had to say to the Corinthian church about his ministry in preaching the gospel (as an Evangelist). He just has to do it and willingly too and not for any charge (financial gain and so on). But unfortunately, many have abused their power in the gospel to date.

Every preacher or any other servant will be accountable to the Lord soon and very soon. Let us watch our steps (Romans 14:11-12).

4. The harvest is great.

Although the harvest of souls to be won to Christ is great, unfortunately the laborers are few. Not many Christians are willing and ready to take the responsibility upon themselves to avail themselves to be used by the Lord in his field of lost souls.

Some claim to be too busy, yet others leave it to the Pastor or Preacher or church elder and so on and so forth. Too bad for you who do such. Remember the warning of the Lord in the book of Luke (Luke 12:47-49)

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few;

Pray ye therefore the Lord of harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

Matthew 9:35-38

5. The rapture of the Church of Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ said that he has gone back to the Father in heaven, but will be back in due course to take the

Church with him. But before that happens, he needs more and more souls for the many mansions that are going to be ready in heaven for occupation! He had said that there are some sheep that are still outside and need to be brought in as to be one flock! Those sheep are the many who have not believed in him. Hence, those need be preached to (Evangelized) so that those who believe come into the fold. (John 14:1-3; 17:20-21, 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17, Daniel 12:1).

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:1-3

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

John 17: 20-21

For this we say unto the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1Thessalonians 4: 15-17

AND at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be

delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Daniel 12:1

6. A testimony to the whole world

AND Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him to show him the buildings of the temple.

And Jesus said unto them, See ye all these things? Verily I say unto you, there shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

For many shall come in my name, saying I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in diverse places.

And all these are the beginning of sorrows.

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Matthew 24:1-14

The gospel must be preached in all the world for a witness so that no person is left out and therefore no person to have an excuse before the Lord on the judgment day that he or she was not reached and

has not heard the good news so as to make a decision for Christ. The Lord God will therefore have an easy time to pass a verdict on each individual without any argument from anybody.

THE beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

And there went out unto him all the land of Judea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.

And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins: and he did eat locusts and wild honey;

And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

Indeed I have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

Mark 1:1-8

The good news from heaven was first preached by John the Baptist in preparing people for a second chance in life in Jesus Christ who was about to come to them so that they repent and believe in him for their salvation. Later we do see that Jesus' disciples took the cue after he had left them and gone back to his Father (Acts 2:36-42; 3:1-26; 5:12-26; 13:38-48).

7. The washing away of hands

It is only by evangelizing the whole world that Christians will be able to have washed their hands from the blood of unrepentant souls.

Otherwise they may have an excuse on the judgment day, that they were not given an opportunity to repent of their sins and ask for God's forgiveness and mercy, as they were not in the know (Ezekiel 3: 16-19).

And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
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.

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.

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.

Ezekiel 3: 16-19

The above is a serious statement worth heeding. As it was with the prophet Ezekiel to the house of Israel, so it is to Christians today with those around them that have not been reached with the gospel. Remember what Apostle Paul said in his epistle to the church at Corinth (1 Corinthians 9:16). That is enough to compel us to take the initiative to be sharing the word of God with them. It is not necessarily only preaching to a person but to dare

rebuke any person doing wickedness to stop or else will face the consequences (2 Timothy 4:1-2).

I CHARGE thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;
Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.

2 Timothy 4:1-2

Chapter 3

How to evangelize

In Evangelism spiritual direction / guidance is required as one cannot know by his own knowledge or wisdom, where the word of God is needed most at any particular time. It is therefore important and to be asking the Lord on a daily basis to lead one to some one who one can witness to. The Lord knows where the harvest is ripe at any particular time. At the same time, don't just sit down doing nothing but waiting for the Lord to give you direction, but start to move and go to people. Let us look at some example of spiritual guidance: Acts 8:26-38; 10:9-23; 16:6-10; 22:17-21, Romans 10:15.

And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Ga'-za, which is desert.

And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of E-thi-o'-pi-a, a eunuch of great authority under Can-da'-ce queen of the E-thi-o'-pi-ans, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to

Jerusalem for to worship, Was returning, and sitting
in his chariot read Isai'-ah the prophet.

Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join
thyself to this chariot.

And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read
the prophet Isai'-ah, and said, Understandest thou
what thou readest?

And he said, how can I, except some man should
guide me? And he desired Philip that he would
come up and sit with him.

The place of the scripture which he read was this,
He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a
lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his
mouth:

In his humiliation his judgment was taken away:
and who shall declare his generation? For his life is
taken from the earth.

And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray
thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? Of
himself, or of some other man?

Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the
same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.

And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

Act 8: 26-38

Wonderful, wonderful I don't think I have come across in the scriptures a precise account of how God leads an Evangelist to preach to someone up to someone's conversion and baptism such as this one. We have quite a number of lessons to learn from the above experience:

1. The angel of the Lord directed Philip an Evangelist where to go to preach, meaning divine direction is very important (verse 26).

2. The Evangelist heeded as directed to the place and the person he was to minister (preach) to (Verses 27-28).
3. The Spirit of the Lord said to Philip to move beside the chariot so as to know his task (guidance) (Verses 29-30).
4. The Evangelist has now identified precisely his task (Verse 31).
5. Those who are not yet born again don't understand the scriptures as they are not spiritual but just religious. That is why God has sent (commissioned) his Church - the Christians to be preaching to the sinners. The Lord God has specifically appointed Evangelists to expound on the scriptures and to effectively lead sinners to come to Christ and accept him in their lives by repenting of their sins and calling on the name of the Lord (inviting Him) into their lives. Remember I explained in chapter 2 that a sinner is like a blind man spiritually and need someone spiritual to direct him or her on tract (Matthew 15:10-14, I Corinthians 2:14). Point 5, the subject matter at hand has to do with verse 31-34 of our study text.

6. We find that Philip the Evangelist began at the same scripture (as the foundation) and preached Jesus to the eunuch (verse 35). After all, the Scriptures is but all about Jesus, Son of the living God (Luke 24:13-27). The question is, what have you been preaching to people? Jesus or someone else of something else? And if not Jesus, then preaching for what use? Jesus Christ is the central theme from the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation. No wonder Apostle Paul being led by the Spirit of God said Christ is the true foundation to build on spiritually (1 Corinthians 3:11-15). Each one of us must watch out how one builds.

7. It is only when Jesus Christ is introduced (preached) properly to an individual; can one come to a point of believing and accepting Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior (verse 35 to 36).

3. As servants of the Lord Jesus, let us not coerce people we have preached to in accepting Christ to be saved but see to it that it is done not only on a free consent but also with sincerity of heart (genuinely) (verses 36-37). Yes, we need confirm their consent, if they have truly believed and are

serious about it. Half-baked cake is not good at all in the physical, similarly in the spiritual, half-hearted confession is equally not useful at all, and can be a major cause of the high number of backslidings.

8. Salvation is more complete with the baptism in much water by complete immersion (verse 38). Water baptism is part of fulfilling all righteousness (Matthew 3: 13-17). Read also Romans 6:3-8, Acts 2:36-38, Mark 16:15-16, Matthew 28:19-20.

Advice: Baptism alone does not save. Therefore, no man or woman need be water baptized except after he or she has had an opportunity to be preached to, has been convicted and has believed and made a decision to come to Christ and has repented of one's sins. Some churches have water baptized even babies and youths or adults who had not gone through any of the above. Such have treated this sacred ordinance as a church registration exercise to be a church member. But for one to be a member in the family of God one must be born again and thereby registered in

Heaven by the Holy Spirit Himself as a citizen there (Philippians 3:20; 4:3). No more circus in the churches the giving of baptism cards to one with no encounter with the Savior.

On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

And he become very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,

And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

Wherein were all manner of four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

And there came a voice unto him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.

And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,

And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.

While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius, and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?

And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by

a holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

Acts 10: 9-23

Here again we find Peter getting divine direction. It is good to be prayerful in ministry not only for spiritual direction but for effective service as well (verses 9-16). The voice in the vision told him to kill and eat. Peter had not yet known that he was actually going to be sent for a big spiritual kill at Caesarea. As Peter was still wondering what the vision is all about, the Spirit of the Lord talked to him again (guided) (verses 17-20). Peter obeyed as was told (verses 21-23). If you read further the scriptures from verses 34 onwards, Peter spiritually began to kill by the sword of the Spirit and what a kill! and what a catch! As Jesus had told them (Matthew 4: 18-19)

Now when they had gone throughout phryg'-i-a and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

After they were come to mys'-i-a, they assayed to go into Bi-thyn'-ia: But the Spirit suffered them not.

And they passing by mys'-i-a, came down to Tro'-as.

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Mac-e-do'-ni-a, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Mac-e-do'-ni-a, and help us.

And after he had seen the vision, immediately we. Endeavored to go into Mac-e-do'-ni-a, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

Acts 16:6-10

From all the examples we have read so far, we should note that spiritual sensitivity is a must otherwise one will be preaching without direction/guidance and of course on many occasions without any fruit. Spiritual alertness is

required in the ministry to be able to accomplish what God has purposed for us to do (verses 6-10)

The servants were being led by the Spirit of God to where they were needed most and that is why they had to pass many places without preaching there. Prayer coupled with fasting is necessary before one go out to a mission. You fail to do this and you have failed in whatever mission you intended to go to.

Let me remind you that before Paul joined Silas, he and Barnabas had already prayed and fasted before moving out to go and minister (Acts 13:1-3). A minister of the gospel must learn and know how and when the Lord speaks. A quiet spirit and keenness to listen to what the Spirit is saying at any particular time is key.

And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;

And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.

And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee: And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.

And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

Acts 22:17-21

Now look at the above scenario. If Paul could have preached at Jerusalem, it would have been a fruitless one, but I thank the Lord, Paul was a prayer warrior and got in a trance and saw a vision while in the temple, just as Peter who was also praying and was in a trance and got a vision.

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Romans 10:15

Ideally, we need to preach when the Lord sends us. Why? Because he goes ahead of us to prepare for us the souls and so on.

Coming now to another point. Preaching should not be confined in church buildings as only a very small percentage of people go there and even the small percentage that enter in the churches, get evangelized and many get saved and need not be over evangelized as what they now need most is the proper teachings of the doctrines of Christ. Preachers need to also go out where there are a bigger percentage of people and that includes: public parks, market places, schools, colleges, universities, offices and so on. We are now going to see two ways of going about to evangelize the world.

1. Personal evangelism.

As we have read earlier, not all people go to church to attend services there and therefore in order to serve them, we need to take the approach of going to them in their homes and houses one by one in a systematic way. This is a one to one or personal

evangelism, which has proved successful on those who never go to a church service. This is more applicable to one's neighborhood and is the first one to apply before going to the second approach, which we will come to. Jesus Christ gave his disciples the formula / approaches as we read in the book of Acts (Acts 1:6-8)

When they therefore were come together, they asked him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Sa-mar'-i-a, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:6-8

Yes, that is the formula. You start from where you are as the centre, which is your Jerusalem and then move out of your neighborhood and go out in all

directions in the circle and that way, you will have evangelized the whole nations of the world. We are going to see that the disciples obeyed and their efforts were rewarded by the Lord (Acts 2:46-47; 5:42).

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Acts 2:46-47

And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Acts 5:42

It seems that the brotherly love and unity the Disciples of Christ moved the community who were there then and many were saved through their preaching. We have seen that the disciples were both teaching and preaching, meaning that they

exhorted one another and preached also to those that they found in the house or those who were invited from the neighborhood. Now come to the next approach:

2. Mass evangelism

In mass evangelism, unlike in personal evangelism, preaching is done to multitudes of people in such arranged meetings such as a crusade and hence in the open (not in a closed place). Because it is in an open public place, the attendance is normally bigger compared to preaching in a church or in a house/home, and obviously more are likely to be won to the Lord. This approach assists the first approach by giving an alternative means of receiving the word of God apart from the church or in house to house fellowships.

Both approaches need to be used concurrently and not to ignore any of them and to abandon.

Now we are going to another approach which should be used to supplement the first two and which is equally effective to some extent, because it is influential in nature.

3. The Mass media and Print media

This is yet another approach and is similar to some extent as the second approach-Mass evangelism.

Using the mass media many people can be reached with the gospel of Jesus Christ. This approach includes; The radio, T.V, Audio and Video tapes, books, magazines and tracts. Gospel tracts can be quite handy and can be handed to people in the streets, in public transport and can also be left in such places as hotels and restaurants and in public parks and can be distributed to such Institutions as Schools, Colleges, Universities, Hospitals and Prisons. Unlike the first two approaches, here one need not be in personal contact with the recipients all the time. In the tracts one can leave contacts in case of someone needing any spiritual help. Many people have confessed to have received their salvation through the above means.

We are now going to look at some factors concerning the life of the preacher and the message he / she is to give.

4. Life of the minister

The minister of the gospel needs to live close to God and walk with him by constantly reading and studying the word of God and being obedient to it and meditating on it as well, be repenting of any sin one may have fallen into, being prayerful and fasting often. By praying and fasting one will be effective in service and shine for the Lord. (Joshua 1:8, 2 Timothy 2:15-19, Matthew 14:23, Mark 1:35, Luke 6:12, Matthew 4:1-2, Exodus 34:28-29, Acts 10:38).

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success

Joshua 1:8

There lies the fruitfulness of one's ministry.

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hy-me-ne'-us and Phi-le'-tus;

Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

2 Timothy 2:15-1

Without proper studying of the word one may err and lead many astray and moreover; purity is required.

And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up unto a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

Matthew 14:23

And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Mark 1:35

And it came to pass on those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

Luke 6:12

THEN was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.

Matthew 4:1-2

And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water.

And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Si'-nai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.

Exodus 34:28-29

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Acts 10:38

In prayer and fasting one gets the Holy Spirit anointing and power to do good to the oppressed in healings and deliverances. The anointing breaks the yoke of the enemy (Isaiah 10:27).

It is equally important to humble oneself. Pride must go out of one's life to leave room (space) for humility to come in. The self 'I', 'Me', must be killed and die first. Otherwise one's ministry will be short lived.

Lucifer an archangel of the Lord in heaven tried with pride and fell flat on his back. Success is

hardly found in pride. We must decrease before people for Christ to increase in us. We must die first for Christ to comfortably live in us. (Isaiah 14:12-20, Ezekiel 28:14-17, John 1:19-27, Matthew 3:13-15, Galatians 2:19-20, Romans 8:12-14).

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, everyone in his own house.

But thou hast cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.

Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

Isaiah 14:12-20

Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O

covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Ezekiel 28:14-17

The above two scripture have talked of one thing - pride. It is a poison in any one's life, as it brings a fall, and a big fall it is indeed. May the Lord help us. Let us now go and see the part of humility.

And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent Priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What then? Art thou Eli-jah?

And he saith, I am not.

Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him, Who art thou? That we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the lord, as said the prophet Isai'-ah.

And they which were sent were of the Pharisees.

And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Eli'-jah, neither that prophet?

John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;

He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

John 1:19-27

That is John the Baptist in black and white. The forerunner of Jesus Christ, Quite humble and sincere in heart. We are yet to read his record once again.

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

Matthew 3:13-15

If it were me and you, we would have easily said “Yes, Jesus the Son of God, come, let me baptize you, after all I am the boss (the person in charge) here at River Jordan”.

Praise God, John the Baptist didn’t have such in his heart or mind. Looks like we have Moses of the Old Testament (Numbers 12:3) in the New Testament! Let us read a minister’s need to die for Christ first in order to serve the Lord well.

For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:19-20

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Romans 8:12-14

There it is. Through the Holy Spirit one can mortify the deeds of the body. It need be silenced. But not if one keeps on eating and drinking everyday from the first day of the month to the last day of the month. It won't work somehow. Fasting is a great tool of dealing with the body and its lusts.

B. The message of the minister

We now come to the area of the message and how to deliver it. The word of God is a living word and therefore in our preaching it need be quoted as much as possible to put appoint across to the recipient (Hebrews 4:12). Also, one need not be discouraged unduly when one preaches to an

individual and the individual does not surrender his or her life to Christ. It may be not good soil etc (Matthew 13:1-9).

THE same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side.

And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.

And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;

And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:

Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:

And when the sun was up, they were scotched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:

But other fell on good ground, and brought forth fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.

Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Matthew 13:1-9

When sharing the word, we need to share it faithfully and leave the rest to the Lord. We need not serve for any material or financial gain. (Matthew 10:1-8, 2 Kings 5: 15-27, 2 Corinthians 2:17, Philippians 3:18-19).

AND when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: the first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zeb'-e-dee, and his brother John;

Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Al'-phe'-us, and Leb-be'-us, whose surname was Thad-de'-us; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into city of the Sa-mar-i-tans enter ye not: But go rather the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:1-8

And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.

But he said, As the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it, but he refused.

And Na'-a-man said, shall there not then I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth? For thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD.

In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant, that when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow down myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing.

And he said unto him, Go in peace, So he departed from him a little away.

But Ge-ha'-zi, the servant of E-li'-sha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Na'-a-man this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, as the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.

So Ge-ha'-zi, followed after Na'-a-man.

And when Na'-a-man saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well?

And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount E'-phra-im two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments.

And Na'-a-man said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver

into two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before him.

And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed.

But he went in, and stood before his master. And Eli'-sha said unto him,

Whence comest thou, Ge-ha'-zi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither.

And he said unto him, went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and olive yards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?

The leprosy therefore of Na'-a-man shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

2 Kings 2: 15-27

Jesus Christ had told his disciples not to charge people for their service because they received God's power to serve free of charge likewise, they

need not charge those they minister to. The same Spirit of God was with the prophet Elisha who we have seen blatantly refused to take gifts from Naaman the Syrian who was now healed from leprosy. Let us not be fond of receiving gifts after serving except such things as hospitality. (Genesis 18:1-8, Matthew 9:9-10, Acts 16:11-15, 2 Kings 4:8-17, Matthew 26:6-7).

We need be faithful and sincere in sharing the word and need not have an ill motive and try to twist the word of God to get something out of some one nor to please anybody.

For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

2 Corinthians 2:17

(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ.

Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things).

Philippians 3:18-19

We need to have our heart and mind saturated with the word of God. Our life to speak, need be but wordy. It has been said that “You can give only what you have”. Evangelism involves giving, much giving of nothing other than the word of God. If we are not wordy as such (full of God’s word) we might as well just be muddy! We need therefore to be lost (totally immersed) in the word of God like Apostle Paul (Acts 26:19-29) in order to give clean (pure) water of life which is God’s word.

Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

But showed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me.

Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:

That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should show light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.

But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.

For the king knoweth of these things before whom also I speak freely: I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

Acts 26:19-29

You can also read about Stephen in the book of Acts (Acts 6:8-7:1-60). He had quite a lot to tell and accurately. We can say rightly he was but wordy! (Had a lot of God's word in his heart).

Our preaching must be preached with authority for the Lord Jesus gave us authority and the preaching need not be like merely delivering a sermon but for the deliverance of those listening, from whatever bondage they might be in and as a solution to the world (Luke 4:18-19; 33-36; 10:17-20).

The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Luke 4:18-19

We need go preaching with anointing except if one did not prepare well (which is a must in prayer and often with fasting as well).

And in the synagogue there was a man which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,

Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy one of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.

And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this? For with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

Luke 4:33-36

Evangelism is but spiritual warfare and not a laughing matter and must be taken as such otherwise you can become a victim as the sons of Sceva. That is why one must prepare. Jesus Christ was prepared and had an easy time with the task ahead of him. Verses 33-34, if it were you, would you have shrieked or panicked? Verses 35-36, Jesus rebuked and there was amazement (solution

solved). But if one go out to preach unprepared one can have a rough time with devils some of which may be cheeky or stubborn to deal with. Unprepared, you have authority without power. Prepared, you have both authority with accompanying power to deal with any cheekiness or stubbornness.

And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.

Luke 10:17-20

The devils are subject to us as long as we are keeping sin away from us and are living in holiness

and righteousness meaning we are in fellowship and are walking with the Lord of the harvest.

We need to preach true repentance, holy and righteous living; Christ crucified and resurrected; The cross and the blood of Jesus (i.e. the heart and the power of the gospel) (Acts 2:36-38; 3:11-16; 4:10-12; 5:27-42; 13:33-41).

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Now when they all heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 2:36-38

It is all repentance. People must repent of their sins as a first step towards the forgiveness of the same by God and must believe in Christ Jesus as the Lord

to save them from sin and be baptized and receive God's gift of the Holy Spirit.

And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man walk?

The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

But ye denied the Holy one and the just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; where of we are witnesses.

And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the

faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Act 3:11-16

People need to be clearly told that it is God who does miracles and not the preachers. All the glory must go to him and him alone for he does not share his glory with any one. Jesus Christ is the life-giver (John 6:63).

Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

Neither is there salvation in any other: For there is none other name under heaven given among men, where by we must be saved.

Acts 4:10-12

People need to be told the truth that concerns their salvation; that there is no alternative. The Savior is one and that is Jesus Christ. Therefore, he should

not be brushed away nor taken as nothing as everyone needs him in his or her life.

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? And, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, we ought to obey God rather than men.

The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, who God hath given to them that obey him.

When they heard that, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them.

Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Ga-ma'-li-el, a doctor of the law, had in

reputation among all the people, and commanded to put all the apostles forth a little space;

And said unto them, ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men.

For before these days rose up Theu'-das, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought.

After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.

And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:

But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Acts 5:33-42

The council in Jerusalem did not know that the apostles had their own commander, whom they must give allegiance to. Hypocritically they told the apostles that the apostles had brought or rather intended to bring Jesus' blood upon them. (Matthew 26:1-4). Gamaliel saw some light and handled the matter at hand professionally unlike many lawyers in the current world who go to the highest bidder (take bribes) and give wrong verdicts by distorting facts. The apostles continued to preach and teach Christ, Halleluiah.

The word of God is all about life and not things. It is spiritual and not physical. Why then should one be preaching the earthly instead of the heavenly? Why? Except one be a confused/corrupted individual who has lost focus in the Lord God. (Deuteronomy 30:15, Ezekiel 18:23, John 3:1-6,

16; 36; 10:10, Romans 6:23, 1 John 5:13, Daniel 12:1-2).

See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

Deuteronomy 30:15

The Lord God has set life and good before us first and death and evil later, for those who think otherwise. God's intention is life because he is the life giver.

Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? Saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?

Ezekiel 18:23

God has pleasure in us living as he is a living God and no pleasure in our death (stopping to live).

THERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come

from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Nic-o-de'-mus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 3:1-6

People don't know God's will on their lives, not even rulers, and need to be told (preached) to. It is only by being born again does one see and enter the kingdom of God and live as God is life.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3: 16

Many do reason foolishly that God does not love them because of this, or that. But God has openly showed his love to everybody (all mankind). People have wrong priorities or rather have their priorities wrong (Matthew 6:25-33).

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.

John 3:36

The above is the right priority for all people as far as God is concerned (Matthew 6:33). Firstly we need righteousness which leads to everlasting life in the kingdom of God and that comes by believing in God's Son. Otherwise the wrath of God abides on us- which is not pleasant in any way.

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

There, is a thief who shortens peoples lives and God has sent us a son so that we have abundant life. It is only in Jesus Christ that we have everlasting life.

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23

All people in the world are sinners from birth and need the gift of God which is eternal life through his Son Jesus Christ who is the Lord (Romans 5:12, 17-18).

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God

1 John 5:13

That is enough assurance to those who will believe, so that there is no more doubting Thomas amongst us.

AND at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Daniel 12:1-2

People need to be warned that there is a time of trouble ahead of them which one cant escape except one have his name written in a book (the book of life, in the custody of Jesus Christ the Lamb of God) and to be told how this can happen to them, what they need to do now, to make it happen.

We can now see very clearly from the above scriptures that God is interested and concerned in and for our life. It is all to do with life; life for mankind.

Our preaching must have some love in it (an open door) and not just judgment and fire as God is love

(1 John 4:7-10). It needs to be balanced; otherwise it can just drive people away from a loving God and they end up perishing as our God is both a God of justice and a God of love (very fair and balanced).

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

In this was manifested love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:7-10

We can go further and see more on the above subject. (1 Corinthians 13:1-10).

THOUGH I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not charity, I am become as a sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have no charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

For we know in part, and we prophecy in part.

But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

1 Corinthians 13:1-10

We must be bold when proclaiming the gospel message to show that we are sure and know what we are talking about (Acts 4:13; 9:26-30; 14:3, Proverbs 28:1, Ephesians 6:10).

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13

And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.

And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

Which when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Cae-sa-re'-a, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

Acts 9:26-30

Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

Acts 14:3

We must speak boldly in the Lord for him to give testimony to his word of grace by granting signs and wonders to take place. Only see to it that you are Spirit filled, why? (Zechariah 4:6)

Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Ze-rub'-ba-bel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

Zechariah 4:6

That, is what the Lord of hosts and the Lord of the harvest is saying today to you and me who are preaching the gospel in this end-time period.

THE wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Proverbs 28:1

We read the record of Jesus Christ in the scriptures that he was bold. He is righteous. He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. This brings the question of righteousness in our lives as preachers, are we righteous? Yes, because God is our righteousness in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:21) and No, if we don't walk right ourselves (Titus 2:11-14). Being bold alone in preaching is not enough for effective service but walking in righteousness as well.

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.

2 Corinthians 5:21

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;
Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;
Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Titus 2:11-14

May the Lord God help us here again to walk right in sobriety and in holiness. We must have faith in discharging our duty in preaching as well (Hebrews 11:6, 1 Samuel 17: 32-37), Mark 5:35-36; 11:20-24, 1 John 5:4).

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 11:6

And David said to Saul, let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Phil'-is'-tine.

And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Phil'-is'-tine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth; and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

Thy servant slew both lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Phil'-is'-tine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

David said moreover, the LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Phil'-is'-tine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

1 Samuel 17:32-37

Strange and big talk from a youth but there it is. David the youth was talking faith and surely, he succeeded where a whole army failed. That is faith at work (in action). Unlike the king's talk (verse 33) but the scripture talks of walking by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7).

As a preacher don't fear any number of your audience but be focused in Christ Jesus and his cross and his blood. Neither tremble at people's positions in society, their wealth or their education.

While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogues house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?

As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.

Mark 5: 35-36

One may hear this or that before going to preach, but one need to be encouraged in the Lord, to trust

in the Lord to continue believing the Lord to do the unexpected, and surely he will do it.

And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

Mark 11:20-24

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

1 John 5:4

Without faith nothing moves and our victory is far away from us. Evangelism also involves team-working (Exodus 17: 8-16, Luke 10:1-11). It is spiritual warfare and some missions require team work.

Then came Am'-a-lek, and fought with Israel in Reph'-i-dim.

And Moses said unto Joshua, choose us out of men, and go out, fight with Am'-a-lek: tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.

So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Am'-a-lek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Am'-a-lek prevailed.

But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat there on; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the

one side; and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua discomfited Am'-a-lek and his people with the edge of the sword.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Am'-a-lek from under heaven.

And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jeho'-vah - nis'-si:

For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Am'-a-lek from generation to generation.

Exodus 17:8-16

From that experience between the Israelites and the Amalekites, we can see that team work is fruitful.

That was a physical war. But we know that the events in the Old Testament were but a shadow of the events to be in the New Testament.

Christians now are now in the real battle (spiritual battle) not done by flesh and blood, as will flop. (Ephesians 6:12). We don't have all to be in a crusade or some mission say abroad, but the many

Christians remaining behind for one reason or another should be raising their hands to the Lord in support of the crusade / mission, in much prayer and intercession which can include fasting. Then the rest will be a success story.

There must be some working behind the scenes. We have seen that even when Moses' hands became heavy, they had to put a stone under him for him to sit on meanwhile two others raising his hands up till sun-down. What a lesson! We have seen how things were happening at the war field (battle ground) as it was in the physical so will it be in the spiritual. If we are in one accord in team work in the field of God, definitely he will move and do miracles. Signs and wonders will follow us in his word.

AFTER these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the

Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest.

Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way.

And in whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.

And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:

And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,

Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be

ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

Luke 10:1-11

If you read the book of Acts of the Apostles you will see the same pattern/trend being repeated. The apostles going out in missions in various places mostly in pairs. From one city to another city. It is okay if your spouse can accompany you in a mission it had happened and still is happening now with some ministers of the gospel. It is up to you to decide or as the Lord may lead you (1 Corinthians 9:5).

Now there is no special time of preaching the gospel. It is preaching it throughout (2 Timothy 4:1-2) but, there should be a time of rest to recuperate your body as we are not machines, and even machines need repairing and servicing and maintaining as well. Once in a while we need to rest at our stations (the church or house or home) and the refuel once again to be on the move (Mark 6:30-32).

Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Ce'-phas?

1Corinthians 9:5

I CHARGE thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall Judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine

2 Timothy 4:1-2

And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught.

And he said unto them, come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

And the departed into a desert place by ship privately.

Mark 6:30-32

By retreating, one not only has time to rest or do some other personal work, but to take time and assess the mission / s one has gone to and to look at any shortcomings that need attention and so forth.

One version of preaching indirectly and which should not be an end to itself, as nobody was called by the Lord to delegate work given to him/her or to be idle, to say is by supporting crusades and missions financially and materially and also spiritually by praying and interceding for the cause. Please get to know that the best way to evangelize is not merely to preach the word of God but rather how one conducts oneself in life as a Christian which is very important. (Matthew 5:14-16, 1 Timothy 4:11-16, 1 Peter 3:1-2). Remember the saying – ‘Action speaks louder than words’

We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.

For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp.

Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

Hebrews 13:10-14

We have to go out leaving the comfort in our churches to go out there to preach to lost souls and be ready for criticism and shame for the sake of Christ even to be ready for persecution not excluding even the loss of our lives in the process. Remember John the Baptist, Stephen, apostles James and Paul among other servants of God (Matthew 14:1-12, Acts 6:8-7: 60; Acts 12:1-2, 2 Timothy 4:1-8).

Chapter 4

The Urgency of Evangelism

Many factors do point to the fact that evangelizing the world is an urgent issue that need to be tackled with a lot of sobriety and vigor. In this chapter we are going to look at some of these factors.

1. Church rapture

The Lord Jesus Christ had told his disciples that he was going back to his Father and that he will come back to take them to himself (the taking, is the rapture) of holy saints.

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:1-3

Now we see that God has a house with many mansions and therefore many are to be accommodated many who are yet to be reached with the gospel and be part of the Church of Christ world wide before he comes back for his holy church. Jesus Christ had told his disciples to meanwhile preach to all nations before he comes. (Luke 24:44-51, Acts 1:8-11)

And he said unto them, these are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

And ye are witnesses of these things.

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

Luke 24:44-51

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Sa-mar'-i-a, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven,

shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Acts 1:8-11

Now comes the tricky part, when is Christ coming to rapture (take away) his church? (2 Peter 3:8-10, Matthew 24:36-44)

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

2 Peter 3:8-10

Now the calculation in verse 8 is impossible even to professors in mathematics and verse 10 is

equally most unpredictable meaning the work of preaching the gospel is in the now.

But of that day and how knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.

But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark,

And knew not until the flood come, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Two woman shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

But know this, that if the good man of the house had known in what watch the thief come, he would

have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

Matthew 24:36-44

The event is going to be sudden and abrupt and therefore quite urgent.

People need to be preached to, to come to repentance, to have their sins forgiven and to be cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ and be ready before he appears to take his own.

Noah and his family together with other creatures were intact in the ark of God and were saved. Jesus Christ is the ark of God in the New Testament and one must come in and be saved and be safe. One must be totally in Christ Jesus at his appearing for him to receive him or her and be with him for ever and ever in heaven.

2. World events

Seeing and hearing what is going on in the world tells you that time is running out and the Devil also

knows that and is working over time to get as many followers as possible to accompany him to hell. Christians likewise need to work effortlessly to get followers for Christ Jesus who are to be his bride. (Revelation 12:10-12, Matthew 24:1-14, 2Timothy 3:1-5).

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitors of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Revelation 12:10-12

As I said, Now is recruitment time, and there is a time limit for this exercise and therefore registration must take pace fast.

AND Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to show him the buildings of the temple.

And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you,

There shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.

And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Matthew 24:1-14

We have witnessed all that the Lord Jesus Christ had told his disciples that were to come to pass as a sign of his coming back to take away the church yet, the gospel has not yet been preached in all the

world for a witness to all nations revealing the more, of the urgency of Evangelism.

THIS know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God;

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

We are living in that period.

3. World condition

The world is spiritually sick, very sick and urgently needs medicine (the gospel of Christ, which is the gospel of truth) to heal it before it dies on its death bed. Morality and modesty had been

thrown out of the window and mankind has also turned in his deeds into wild beasts. (Isaiah 1:4-6).

Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.

Why should ye be stricken any more? Ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

Isaiah 1:4-6

Prophet Isaiah saw a vision concerning the nation of Israel as described above and that applies to the world now (all the nations).

All in one way all or another they are on a sick bed spiritually. It is only by preaching the pure gospel that is undiluted and uncorrupted at this point as a

matter of urgency can the world be healed and come back to normal health.

4. World population

The population of the world is quite big at 7 billion plus people and many continue to be born daily adding to this population and therefore making the work of Evangelism to be great and therefore needing urgent attention so as to be able to evangelize them in a reasonably good time and to be ready at the Lord's coming. If this is not done with speed, Evangelism could be time barred.

5. World deaths

From the big population of the world many die daily due to various factors such as ageing, natural calamities, all forms of accidents, diseases and sicknesses and so on but have not had an opportunity to be witnessed to with a view to coming back to the Lord. This is a worrisome situation as the Lord is pleased when a sinner repents than dying in unrepentant and sinful state.

(Ezekiel 33:11, 1 Timothy 2:3-4, Revelation 14:13, Acts 17:30-31).

Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Ezekiel 33:11

The people of the world need be told to amend their ways and live as that is the will of God to all

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; Who will have all men to be saved, and come unto the knowledge of the truth

1 Timothy 2:3-4

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them

Revelation 14:13

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Acts 17:30-31

Definitely the word of the Lord has to be preached now and not later.

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Revelation 22:7

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Revelation 22:12

He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. A'-men. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22:20

All the above verses talking on the coming of Jesus Christ repeatedly, in the same chapter, shows how urgent Evangelism must be carried out.

Many Christians value temporal things than external things and this you can see with some Christians going to do overtime work in their formal employment to earn more or go to work on Sunday instead of attending a church service or go to do their work or engage in their business at the expense of attending a church service and all these are just temporal for this life. You can find that few Christians do over time in God's service and say, coming very much later back to their houses or homes. Now let us look at what apostle had to tell the church at Corinth in his second epistle.

THEREFORE, seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling

the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

For God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the Excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many rebound to the glory of God.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and external weight of glory;

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4

From the foregoing, you can see that apostle Paul really was busy in the work of the Lord evangelizing and in his life managed to crisscross the big continent of Asia. Many Christians have hardly left their town or country to go and work for the Lord elsewhere and the work of evangelism has been done to a great extent at a snail's pace. We have very few people like Paul in the Christian fraternity. Jesus Christ in a span of just three years or so had gone to very many places and done so much work for his Father that we are told if all he did were recorded it would be just too much (John 21:25).

And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one,

I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. A' –men.

John 21:25

Now let us ask ourselves what are you and me doing for the Lord?

Chapter 5

Results of Evangelism

Evangelism is something that must produce results at the end of the day. If it is true Evangelism (the true gospel) preached by the true servants of God it will definitely bear fruit. Let us go through some scriptures and see the results of Evangelism.

THEN drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for the hear him.

And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

And he spake this parable to them, saying,

What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbors together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

Likewise I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

Luke 15:1-10

We find that through Evangelism many lost in sin in the world are restored back to the Lord God their creator. People will always have something to say (verse 2) but preachers must go out and get people back to the Lord in repentance for those who are willing, because they are there. There is always joy in heaven whenever some one repents and is received into the Lord and what a big joy it is, a result of Evangelism, a fruit of Evangelism.

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able to even to subdue all things unto himself.

Philippians 3:20-21

And I entreat thee also, true yoke fellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellow laborers, whose names are in the book of life.

Philippians 4:3

The kingdom of God is populated with mankind as they are registered in heaven as citizens. After mankind sinned in the Garden of Eden, they were closed out of it as God had a better place prepared for them, another Eden, and that is heaven.

Evangelism is God's ballot box where all people vote Yes or No on the candidature of his Son Jesus Christ and from it, depending on one's vote, one is registered to be a citizen in heaven (A Yes vote is

required to qualify for registration by the angel in charge of the Registration of persons).

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

Revelation 14:13

It is only through Evangelism that many now die in the Lord. Otherwise all mankind would have died without the Lord in their lives because after man fell in sin it was declared that now mankind must die (Romans 5:12, Hebrews 9:27).

And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God: that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

1 John 5:11-13

We can see from this scripture that eternal life is in the Son of God whom we must believe in before we have the Son of God and the eternal life. We cannot believe on what we don't know or are not aware of and therefore we see that Evangelism results in getting this eternal life as promised by God. Evangelism becomes a facilitator.

AND at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered every one that shall be found written in the book.

Daniel 12:1

Evangelism makes it possible for the lost (sinners) to repent and believe in the Son of God and be registered in heaven which finally makes it possible for those registered be delivered from the tribulation period which is inevitable and is to come to the world.

AND after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, unto the Lord our God:

For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

And again they said, alleluia and her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, A'-men; Alleluia.

And a voice come out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thundering, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Revelation 19:1-9

Everybody in heaven will be happy and joyous and will praise the Lord God for he reigns and Evangelism of the cross and the blood of Jesus Christ the Son of the living God has born fruit and was not in vain and the much awaited climax and celebration of it all has come at last to a reality. All the efforts of Satan in trying to see all mankind lost forever had been badly frustrated to the extent and exception of only those who preferred the status quo (to remain in a fallen sinful state on earth).

Chapter 6

Cost of Evangelism

Evangelism as we are going to see comes with a cost. The cost does involve the preacher's: time, finances and himself/herself. We are going to look at each aspect separately and read some scripture which are relevant to each.

A. Time

The preacher obviously will need much time to read the Holy Bible and to study it in addition to meditation and Bible verses memorization. All this the preacher needs to do so that is well versed in the word of God. Otherwise, one may appear amateurish when preaching and that is not acceptable as this is serious business/work.

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

The preacher needs to know how to rightly divide the word of truth which he/she already has (have read and studied) so as to present a plain and straight forward message to the listener for effectiveness.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Joshua 1:8

But whose looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

James 1:25

From the above two scriptures we can see clearly that reading and studying the word of God is good but it is better if one continues in the same in deeds

for one to be blessed and succeed. Your preaching will be fruitful.

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches.

Psalms 63:5-6

My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.

Psalms 119:48

The preacher needs to have time to pray and fast in seeking the face of God to prepare him or her and give the message to preach and also to be shown what to expect in the mission and so on.

And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

Luke 6:12

And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Mark 1: 35

NOW there were in the church that was at An-ti-och certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Ni'-ger, and Lu'-ci-us of Cy-re'-ne, and Man'-a-en, which had been brought up with Herod the te'-trarch, and Saul.

As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

Acts 13:1-3

The preacher will also be spending time moving from one place to another to go and preach the gospel.

So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost,
departed unto Se-leu'-ci-a; and from thence they
sailed to Cyprus.

And when they were at Sal'-a-mis, they preached
the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and
they had also John to their minister.

And when they had gone through the isle unto Pa'-
phos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet,
a Jew, whose name was Bar-je'-sus:

Which was with the deputy of the country, Ser'gi-
us Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas
and Saul and desired to hear the word of God.

But El'-y-mas the sorcerer (for so is his name by
interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn
away the deputy from the faith.

Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the
Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,

And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief,
thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all
righteousness, will thou not cease to pervert the
right ways of the Lord?

And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season.

And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

Acts 13:4-12

When one goes out to preach one can encounter any thing (it is spiritual warfare). The prayer and fasting of Barnabas and Paul saved the day.

Good riddance of the spoilsport (sorcerer) Thanks to the power of the Holy Ghost. Preacher, it has to do with being Spirit filled. From the above account we see Barnabas and Paul spent much time from one town to another to proclaim the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.

B. Finances

Obviously again, the preacher will have to spend money when going out to preach the gospel. He/she

is not an angel who can fly any where is sent without spending a penny.

Only on rare cases we find a servant of God provided with supernatural transportation. (1 Kings 18:11-12; 2 Kings 2: 15-16, Acts 8:39-40)

When one is preaching in the neighborhood one may not necessarily need means of transport but beyond, one need transport which will cost money, be it public or private or personal. Personal transport is more ideal. In public or private money is needed for fare and tools/equipments same for private, hiring costs all which can be more costly. Further on public transport the safety of the tools/equipment is not guaranteed due to the carelessness of those who handle luggage. For a personal vehicle (which costs money) one need to have money for fuel, service and general maintenance in addition to insurance and so on. Also, the preacher will need money for daily meals and accommodation (as these cannot be guaranteed especially where there is much poverty with the people or there is hostility to the preaching of the gospel). Further, the preacher especially in personal

evangelism may preach to a person or a couple, and when fellowshiping after the preaching find out that the person or couple have been staying hungry for some time or don't have a Holy Bible and seem not to be in a position at all to be able to buy one in the near future. The preacher will present a Bible or give money, for buying food even for just one or two meals to show God's love (James 2:15-16).

If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food;

And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

James 2:15-16

That brings us to the fact that one need to work to get some reasonable income to be able to embark on preaching. Apostle Paul was a tent maker and from it got money for his mission work and did not wait for others to take care of his welfare. It is unwise to depend on people's hospitality alone (those you go to preach to).

AFTER these things Paul departed from Athens,
and came to Corinth;

And found a certain Jew named Aq'-uil-a, born in
Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife
Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded
all Jews to depart from Rome :) and came unto
them.

And because he was of the same craft, he abode
with them and wrought: (for by their occupation
they were tentmakers.)

Acts 18:1-3

Apostle Paul had something to tell the church at
Thessalonica as follows:

And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own
business, and to work with your own hands, as we
commanded you;

That ye may walk honestly toward them that are
without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

One may have overhead such a saying by the unbelievers on the saints in reference to them as “The tea drinkers”. You can even excuse yourself and don’t all the time be on the receiving end taking this or that from those you preach to in hospitality. We need walk honestly.

For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; Neither did we eat any man’s bread for nought; but wrought with labor and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:

Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an example unto you to follow us.

For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

The apostle had something also to the church at Corinth as the Lord's Spirit led him.

Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges?
Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof/ or who feedeth a flock, and eatech not of the milk of the flock?

Say I these things as a man? Or saith not the law the same also?

For it is written in the Law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?

Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.

If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?

If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.

Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? And they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?

Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

But I have used none of these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.

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!

For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

1 Corinthians 9:7-18

The Apostle is saying that although he has a right to get carnal things from his preaching the gospel as per the law, he does not use that power, because it might hinder the gospel of Christ. He goes further

in summarizing it all that in preaching the gospel he will do it freely without any charge, otherwise (lest) he abuses his power in the gospel.

First of all, Christian preachers need know that they are not living under the law but under God's grace and that is why the Apostle decided not to follow that route. Remember the warning (1 Timothy 6:5-10).

These is a danger of abusing one's power in preaching the gospel by expecting or demanding for this or that because lust will come in very easily. The love of money is the root of all evil. Lust is accompanied with corruption and I believe that is where Satan hit many preachers in the belly and introduced the gospel of prosperity which has become popular almost in all churches, perpetuated by preachers and pastors. They fell for Satan's deception and are in the payroll of Satan preaching a corrupted message and deviating from the true gospel of Jesus Christ that brings holiness, righteousness and eternal life in heaven.

Now, what did the Lord Jesus Christ tell his disciples when he sent them out to proclaim his message?

AND when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: the first, Simon, who is called Peter and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zeb'-e-dee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Al-phe'-us, and Leb-be'-us, whose surname was Thad-de-us; Simon the Caananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Sa-mar'-i-tans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:1-8

From what we have just read above, there is no hint whatsoever for the disciples to solicit any thing from those they go to minister to. The question then is, how does the issue of money come in when one accepts an invitation to minister and the “minister” says that God has told him or her that he wants to bless some five, or ten or twenty people and they need to pay each this or that amount?

That can just be from the Old serpent, the Devil himself using such a “minister” to hinder the spread of the gospel. The enemy has all along been twisting, distorting and misquoting the word of God right from the Garden of Eden to date and continue to do so. So, watch out and let him not use you in his evil ways.

And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing.

Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.

For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.

And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, it is enough.

Luke 22:35-38

From the above we see Jesus Christ advising his disciples to be prepared for the tough times ahead of them and it seems they misunderstood him and he stopped the topic by telling them politely - it is enough (not the swords) The Lord just meant, let us stop there / let us not continue with that subject.

Now we are going to look at a case where Sodom and Gomorrah was invaded by some kings and they took Lot Abraham's brother's Son and his goods and departed and one who was a confederate of Abraham came and told him what had transpired and Abraham pursued and rescued him back and

his goods but refused to take any gift from the king of Sodom and believed only on God the possessor of heaven and earth and God gave him a promise.

And the king of Sodom said unto Abraham, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.

And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most High God, the possessor of heaven and earth,

That I will not take from a thread even to a shoe latchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:

Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men, which went with me, Aner, Esh'-col, and Mam'-re; let them take their portion.

AFTER these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying,

Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

And Abram said, Lord God, what will thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this El-i-e'zer of Damascus/

And Abram said, behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir.

And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, so shall thy seed be.

And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Genesis 14: 21-15:6

Abraham was blessed by depending / trusting in the Lord. God still can bless a preacher without the preacher depending on those he or she is preaching to. Let us be careful lest we be cursed and not blessed as Gehazi the servant of Prophet Elisha, who insisted to receiving from Naaman the Syrian for services rendered. Elisha totally refused what

Naaman offered for the healing he received (2 Kings 5:15-27).

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. A'-men.

Philippians 4:19-20

God can supply us with what we need to do his work, in his own way and not necessarily by us having to charge for our services to be able to earn a living. Let us as true preachers of the gospel obey the Lord's command and not give an impression to people that we are after their money or possessions. In true fact we are after their souls. Therefore, we must be what the Lord wanted the disciples to be 'fishers of men' (Matthew 4:18-19) and not 'fleeceers of men'!

C. The body

The preacher will have to pay a cost through his/her body by getting persecuted in many ways. Not all people one goes to preach to will welcome the

message, there are going to be those who will oppose and on top of that, there are those who will take it further and persecute. Jesus Christ not only fore told the disciples about his own life on this issue about the life of the disciples as well and indeed it all happened to all of them.

From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: though art an offense unto me: for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it and whosoever will lose his life for my sake will find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Matthew 16:21-26

But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.

And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought before hand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.

And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Mark 13:9-13

AT that time Herod the te'-trarch heard of the fame of Jesus,

And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do show forth themselves in him.

For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for He-ro'-di-as' sake, his brother, Philip's wife.

For John said unto him, it is not lawful for thee to have her.

And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of He-ro'-di-as danced before them, and pleased Herod.

Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she should ask.

And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger. And the King was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her.

And he sent and beheaded John in the prison.

And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother.

And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

Matthew 14:1-12

Now this Herodias reminds me of Ahab's wife Jezebel who was equally wicked.

NOW about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.

And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread).

And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of

soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

Acts 12:1-5

In the above case if one reads further one will find that an angel of God came and released Peter from the prison.

And there came thither certain Jews from An'-tioch and I-co'ni-um, who persuaded the people, and having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city; supposing he had been dead.

Howbeit, as the disciples stood around about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Der'-be.

And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lys'-tra, and to I-co'ni-um, and An'-tioch.

Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must

through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

Acts 14:19-22

Apostle Paul really championed for the gospel more than all other apostles. After all that beating (stoning) he rose up and went about God's business as if nothing had happened. God bless your servant. The Apostle went through much suffering as we are going to read.

And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by sooth saying:

The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation.

And this did she many days. But Paul being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the market place unto the rulers, And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans.

And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.

And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely:

Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

Acts 16:16-24

In the above episode, Paul and Silas were miraculously delivered from the prison by God.

Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned,
thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have
been in the deep;

In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of
robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in
perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils
in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils
among false brethren;

In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in
hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and
nakedness.

Beside those things that are without, that which
cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is offended,
and I burn not?

If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things
which concern mine infirmities.

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie
not.

In Damascus the governor under Ar'-e-tas the king
kept the city of the Dam'-as-cenes with a garrison,
desirous to apprehend me:

And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.

2 Corinthians 11:24-33

The above is the life of Apostle Paul what he paid preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Preaching the gospel can prove to be that costly but cannot be compared to eternal life with the Lord in heaven. Because the apostle went through all that, it does not mean that all preachers must go all the same experience in all aspects. Some will go more or less of that and so forth as God will allow with the grace he has given to each one and so on. The point is to focus on eternity in heaven with the Lord and not the sufferings lest we give up and miss heaven.

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

1 Peter 2:21-23

And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

But and if ye suffer for righteousness sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

1 Peter 3:13-14

But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, long-suffering charity, patience, Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at An'-ti-och, at I-co-ni-um, at

Lys'-tra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

2 Timothy 3:10-13

Every preacher, it is only the Lord himself who can deliver one from all the above and one come out victorious. It is not by our strength but by the grace given unto us by the Lord of the harvest and his power working in us to do his own pleasure.

Chapter 7

The Benefits of Evangelism

There are benefits in Evangelism and it can never be in vain to Evangelize.

The benefits as we are going to see, is worth the trouble. So, take heart Evangelists/preachers. Let us not take a journey in the scriptures and see for ourselves what it has for you and me who are taking the trouble to do Evangelism.

Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?

And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sister, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life

Matthew 19:27-29

As for me, I have decided I want first everlasting life to be mine and two (secondly) I want to get anything I have or will ever have on this earth. It is just unbelievably wonderful! I don't know you my reader what you have decided but I believe you want the same because the promise is there (it is a free- for- all) situation.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Even Apostle Paul knew very well that the Lord had promised his disciples good things to come. The only rule is that you go as per instructions and advices in chapter 3 on How to Evangelize (1 Corinthians 9: 24-27, 2 Timothy 2:1-6).

Know ye not that they which run in a race, run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.

Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

THOUGH therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

The husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits.

2 Timothy 2:1-6

For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

Then he that had received five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

After a long time the Lord of those servants cometh, and reckoned with them.

And so he who had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

His Lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

His Lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strewed:

And I was afraid, and went out and hid thy talent in the earth: Lo, there thou hast that is thine.

His Lord answered and said unto him,

Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strewed:

Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

Matthew 25:14-27

The Lord Jesus Christ is coming back very soon, what have you done with his goods and the talent/s he gave you? As for me, I don't know how many talent/s he gave me, but I am determined and want a well done, when he comes. One way or another, I have to be profitable to him. I want to be an asset and not a liability to him, in Jesus' name. Amen.

What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Are not two sparrows sold for a far thing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven

Matthew 10:27-32

One names will be confessed by the Lord before the Father in heaven and that alone is very important.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:7-8

Apart from eternal (everlasting) life, there is ruling with the Lord and crowns as well, as long as we are not slothful in preaching the gospel, we are assured of a crown.

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

Proverbs 11:30

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteous as the stars for ever and ever.

Daniel 12:3

Now, who doesn't like to shine? But before one can shine, one must be wise. Truly speaking fools don't shine even here on earth and therefore, the standard in heaven is set even higher. We just have to come out of foolishness because our Master had advised us well in advance (Matthew 10:16-20).

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;

And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.

But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.

For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.

Matthew 10:16-20

We can see from this scripture the advice the Lord Jesus gave to his disciples, that they be wise as serpents (The serpent is a crafty creature) (Genesis 3:1, Revelation 20:2). A disciple needs know how to deal with people. Moreover, he has to be harmless as a dove.

He is in a spiritual and not a physical battle and hence not expected in any physical fight as such. The disciples were also told in advance what they should expect as they preach the gospel and true it was so (Acts 5:40; 12:1-3; 21:27-29; 24:1-27, 26:1-18).

Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

And this know, that if the good man of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?

And the Lord said, who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his Lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath

Luke 12:37-44

If we continue in feeding the flock of God and giving his message to the world, we can be sure to be invited into the marriage supper of the Lamb, to feast together with him (Revelation 19:7). It is a common practice to be served by the bridegroom or bride in a wedding party after a wedding ceremony. As we began from verse 37 of our subject matter the first word is blessed and the same is said only to those who will be called into the marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9). Glory to the most High God.

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