Who, What, When, Where, Why, How of the Christian Experience

LESSON # 37

WITNESING / SHARING OUR FAITH WITH OTHERS

OBJECTIVE: People are separated from God. Those who have faith, who are born-again have been instructed by Jesus to share our faith with others. To tell people the 'Good News' that Jesus came to bridge the gap between lost sinners and their Creator God. This week let's explore the reasons we should our faith and then pray by name for someone we know without a relationship with od, asking for opportunities to tell them the Good News!

10 Biblical Reasons To Witness

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<u>People always ask, "why should Christians witness to others?"</u> Every minute there are many people who will die without Christ. These people will spend eternity in Hell. Even though you might be afraid of evangelizing to that unbeliever, Catholic, Muslim, or Jehovah Witness you always talk to, imagine how much worse it will be if they die without putting their faith in Christ alone.

You had a chance to tell them. Would a good doctor ever not tell someone they're <u>dying</u> <u>of cancer</u> because they're afraid of giving them bad news? Most unbelievers think they're going to Heaven. Don't be like most Christians and close your mouth. Preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:18-19 "Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

2 Corinthians 5:14 "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died."



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Philippians 2:3-4 "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 3:36 "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them."

John 3:18 "Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."



Romans 10:11-15 As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

5. ______ 1 Corinthians 10:31 "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

Matthew 5:16 "In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

John 3:17 "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance."



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1 Timothy 2:3-4 "This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." Luke 14:23 "And the master said to the servant, "Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled."

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

- 2 Timothy 2:15 "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."
- 2 Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."



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WATER BAPTISM (COL. 2:12)

- A) <u>Saving faith</u> precedes baptism, along with repentance, and confession of Jesus Christ as Savior.
- B) Thus, water baptism is an **outward symbol** of an inward reality.
- C) Baptism is the answer of a good conscience toward God.
- D) We must always remember that it is by grace that we are saved through faith:
- E) The Greek word for baptizing is baptizontes, a participle of the verb baptizo. This word is derived from bapto, which means primarily, to dip, plunge or immerse

(I) THE WATER

- A. Symbolizes **purification** from sin
 - B. Symbolizes a water grave where we die to the old, or a grave (death) which is the result of sin.

(II) THE ACT

- A. **Die** to self
 - B. Rise to life

(III) THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SYMBOLISM

- A. Christ baptized into death (Mark 10:38)
 - B. Went into the grave
 - C. Resurrected
 - D. We receive by faith

(IV) INTO CHRIST



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- A. Demonstrated outwardly your inward union
 - B. Lost identity found in Christ
 - C. Public declaration

(V) READ TOGETHER Matthew 28:18

A. If you have been born-again consider being baptized

Memorize Matthew 28:18-20.

Pray about if, when, and how you will follow the Lord in obedience through baptism.

