

Evangelize Every living creature

But watch you in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fully perform all the duties of your ministry.(IIT4:5) An evangelist has a special ability to share the Gospel with non-believers in a way that men and women respond and become responsible members of the Body of Christ. The meaning of the word evangelist is one who brings[proclaim] good news. Although all believers are to do the work of an evangelist and share the Gospel with others, God gives some the special gift of being an evangelist(ACT21:8)*Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.*(ACT8:35;5-8;12,26-40)

Again he asked, "What shall I compare the kingdom of God to? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.(LUK13:2-21) In Old Testament times when the temple was built, the sound of a hammer, axe, or any tool of iron was not heard while it was being constructed.(IKI6:7) A greater than Solomon is now building a greater spiritual temple. This spiritual temple is made up of living stones being laid by the Lord Jesus Christ. This temple also is being erected silently with each stone perfectly fitted together. It is occurring through the silent but powerful process of "evangelism." In another ex., Jesus compared the spread of the Kingdom of God to a tiny mustard seed develops into a great tree. This example also illustrates the silent, yet powerfully effective way the Kingdom of God advances. *And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.*(MAT16:18) Evangelism is the church at work for the Lord, the emphasis is on the new birth experience, the beginning of spiritual life. Evangelism is communicating the Gospel thru the power of the Holy Spirit in such a way that men and women have valid opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and become responsible members of His Church. To communicate the Gospel means that it must be shared in a way that leads to people accepting Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. If you are to evangelize, you must be in contact with those who are spiritually lost in sin, so evangelism must take place out where the sinners are. A valid opportunity means the message must be sustained long enough in a way that can be understood by an average person. This means communication must be adapted to the language, educational and cultural levels of an individual. Also implies a powerful message which provides opportunity for people to see the visible demonstration of the Gospel through healing and deliverance. Through the power of the Holy Spirit means that the message must be communicated through the demonstration of power, for it takes the work of the Spirit to win converts. (JOH6:44)Accepting means that the hearer responds to the message. There must be an opportunity for response. Giving someone your testimony of conversion is a method of evangelism called witnessing. Witnessing is important, but it does not assure salvation. True evangelism means introducing people to Christ in such a way that they will see the necessity of a personal decision. Evangelism results in the born again experience which is also called conversion or salvation. Accepting Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord means not only a response to receive salvation, but a process which leads to Jesus becoming Lord of a person's life. This implies that the new convert moves on into discipleship becoming a responsible member of the Church. Note that it is "His Church" meaning the true Body of Christ, not just a specific denomination or organization.(ACT11:21)

Why does the world need to be evangelized? *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God*(ROM3:23) All people who have not repented of sin and experienced the new birth in John 3 are considered "lost" because they have lost the sinless nature with which God originally created man. We may also say they are unsaved because they have not been saved from their sins through believing in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. When you really understand the destiny of the lost, you realize the urgent need for evangelism. If people are not reached with the Gospel, they will die in sin and be destined for eternity in Hell.(HEB9:27;ROM6:23;REV20:12,15) (EZE33:8;LUK9:26) Evangelism must be done with a heart of compassion for lost souls. The compassion of Jesus made Him willing to face the cross of Calvary. You must have a passion or burden [great interest or desire] in order to serve God effectively. Compassion leads to untiring effort in evangelism. Such loving compassion is imparted by the Spirit of God. It is a fruit of the Holy Spirit that grows from His presence within you. Always remember that God calls weak people to do great things.(ICO1:27-29). Jesus said global evangelism was a precondition of His return to earth & the end of time.(MAT24:14)The message of evangelism is the Gospel of the Kingdom, it refers to the good news of the Kingdom of God and salvation through Jesus Christ. The basic Gospel message is that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, He was buried, and He rose again according to the Scriptures.(JOH3:16) In its widest meaning, it includes all that Jesus taught His disciples: *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you.*(MAT28:18,20) The Church is the representative of the Kingdom of God in the world and is commanded to take the Gospel message to all peoples of the earth. Church leaders must become mobilizers of the Body of Christ, inspiring and training and equip believers to do the work of evangelism. Prayer should precede evangelism. *Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.*(LUK10:1-24) Our Father, who is not willing that one person should perish, is interested in results through evangelism(IIP3:9)