

Are all Christians Called to Evangelize?

Who is called to evangelize?

- **1.** Are there some who are specially gifted to evangelize?
 - **OR**
- **2.** Are all Christians called to evangelize?
- **ANSWER: All of the above:** The answers are "Yes" AND "Yes"!

Are some specifically gifted in evangelism?

- **Christ gave us Evangelists:** So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers (Eph. 4:11)
- **Phillip was an Evangelist:** Leaving the next day, we reached Caesarea, and we went to stay at the home of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the Seven. (Acts 21:8)
- **Evangelists have a specific work:** But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. (2 Tim 4:5)

Does that exclude other Christians from evangelism?

- **NO!** There are several passages of scripture directed at the whole Christian community with the charge to evangelize.
- **It takes the whole church:** Although the gifting, methods, and results are different between us, the WHOLE church bears a responsibility to share God's salvation with the world.

3 Ways All Christians are to Evangelize

- We are to be **GOD-GLORIFIERS**
 - Our lifestyle points people to God, demonstrates Christ's love, and promotes the Spirit's saving work.
- We are to be **READY-RESPONDERS**
 - When we truly live the Christian life, people will begin to ask questions. We are to be ready to respond lovingly and intelligently.
- We are to be **SERIOUS SUPPORTERS**
 - Those who are specifically gifted with evangelism were not called to work alone! They need our whole support through prayer, financial giving, encouragement, and physical presence.

3 Ways EVERY Christian is Called to Evangelize

God Glorifiers | *that the world might look to His salvation*

- **Good Works glorify God:** In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Mat 5:16)
- **Loving Disciples glorify Christ:** By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love among one another. (Jhn 13:35)
- **Orderly Churches glorify the Spirit:** ²³ If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your minds? ²⁴ But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, ²⁵ the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you. (1 Cor 14:23-25)

Ready Responders | *when outsiders ask questions*

- **Have a Loving Response:** Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. (Col 4:6)
- **Have an Intelligent Response:** But in your hearts sanctify Christ *as Lord,* always ready for a defense to everyone asking you an account concerning the hope in you; yet with gentleness and fear, (1 Pet 3:15)

Serious Supporters | *of those gifted with evangelism*

- **Prayer Support:** ³ At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—⁴ that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. (Col 4:3-4)
- **Financial Support:** I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. (Phl 4:18)
- **Encouragement:** ⁶ But Timothy has just now come back to us from you and has told us the good news about your faith and love. He also told us that you always have fond memories of us and want to see us, as we want to see you.⁷ So brothers and sisters, your faith has encouraged us in all our distress and trouble. ⁸ Now we can go on living as long as you keep your relationship with the Lord firm. (1 Ths. 3:6-8)
- **The support of your presence:** ⁹ Be diligent to come to me quickly; ¹⁰ for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed for Thessalonica— Crescens for Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia. ¹¹ Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry. (2 Tim 4:9-11)