



Go for God!

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE SERIES (Part 8)

L – LOVE!

I – INSPIRATION!

F – FAITH! – FAMILY! – FRIENDS! – FINANCES!

E – EVANGELISM & ETERNAL LIFE!

Introduction: Matthew Ch. 3 & 4 (Statistics tell us that 95% of all Christians have never lead another person to Jesus Christ.)

I) WORLDWIDE EVANGELISM, WHY?

> BECAUSE OF:

- **His Great Commission - Matthew 28:19-20** - *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

- **THE LOVE OF THE LORD! - John 14:21** - *He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."*

Jesus said to Peter in John 21:15-19 - *So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep. Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish." This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."*

> **"ONE SOLITARY LIFE!"** - *He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the kings that ever reigned have not affected the life of man as much as that One Solitary Life. (Napolean Bonaparte said this about Jesus Christ- "Alexander the Great, Caesar, Charlemagne, and myself founded empires; but upon what foundation did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force! But Jesus built His everlasting kingdom, not upon force, but love.")*

- **The Holy Spirit empowers us to EVANGELIZE! - Acts 1:8** - *But you shall receive power when the **Holy Spirit** has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."* (Has the Holy Spirit come upon you?)

> We must trust the HOLY SPIRIT's four-fold work in the believer's life:

(1) Teacher- John 14:26- *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

(2) Truth & Testimony- John 15:26-27-*"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.*

(3) Conviction- John 16:8-11- *And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.*

(4) Prophecy & Glorify Jesus- John 16:13-14 - *However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.*

> **Observe Peter's witness - Acts 5:12-42**

II) EDUCATION FOR EVANGELISM

- Be Ready to give an Answer! - 1 Peter 3:13-17- *And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled." But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.*

- Study the Word of God! - 2 Timothy 2:15 - *Study to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

- Go & Preach the Gospel! - Romans 10:14-17 - *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? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, who has believed our report?" So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

- What should we preach? – 2 Corinthians 4:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:18-19- *For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **There's only one way to heaven-** Acts 4:12- Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

- We are all working together - 1 Corinthians 3:5-8 - *Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.*

III) HOW TO EVANGELIZE!

General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, said that he was worried about the church losing the message of the true gospel. He illuminates four areas: (1) *Christianity without Christ* (2) *Forgiveness without repentance* (3) *Salvation without regeneration* (4) *Heaven without Hell*

> Seven Steps to Sharing Your faith:

#1- Share your personal experience of salvation. Don't give your life story. It should not take more than a few minutes to tell how the Lord Jesus Christ saved you!

#2- Tell them that God loves them according to John 3:16-17- *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

#3- Inform the individual that we are all sinners according to Romans 3:23- *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God* (They may tell you that they are a good person, but you must ask them if they are holy, for God is holy & perfect. Various sins practiced by many are listed in John 3:18-21; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21; Rev. 21:8)

#4- Explain to them about the wages of sin & the gift of God- Rom 6:23- *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Sin produces spiritual & physical death & life comes through Jesus Christ!)*

#5- Invite them to become “Born Again!”- John 3:1-8, 36.

#6- Encourage them to say the sinner’s prayer- Romans 10:9-10- *that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

- Sample prayer of salvation (have them repeat after you): “Dear Jesus, please forgive me for all of my sins. I confess to you that I am a sinner and I want you Jesus to be my Lord and Savior and fill me with your Holy Spirit so I can be born again. Help me to follow you all the days of my life. Thank you Father for loving me, and thank you Jesus for saving me. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.”

#7- Bless their new life in Christ with these scriptures: 2 Corinthians 5:17- *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Romans 5:1-2-* *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 8:1-* *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. Ephesians 2:8-10-* *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

IV) ETERNAL LIFE!

John 3:16 - *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 5:24 - *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.*

Romans 6:23 - *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

John 17:3 - *And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*

Matthew 25:46 - *And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.*

Romans 10:13 - *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

Revelation 21:8 - *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*