**The Model Church – The Need for Leaders (part 3): Evangelists & Preachers of the good news!**

This morning I would like to continue in our series “The Need For Leaders”. Last time I preached we started talking about Greek words from which we get our English word evangelism. In the two lessons this morning I want to continue our study of New Testament words related to evangelism and preaching.

**Review last sermon including the words (2099, euaggelistes/euangelistes) and (2097, euangelizo)**

**(noun, 2098, euangelion)**

Occurs **77 times** in 74 verses in the Greek concordance of the KJV; **gospel 46**, **gospel of Christ 11**, **gospel of God 7**, gospel of the Kingdom 3, misc 10

**VINES**: Originally denoted a reward for good tidings; later, the idea of reward dropped, and **the word stood for "the good news" itself. The Eng. word "gospel," i.e. "good message," is the equivalent of euangelion (Eng., "evangel").** In the NT it denotes the "good tidings" of the Kingdom of God and of salvation through Christ, to be received by faith, on the basis of His expiatory death, His burial, resurrection, and ascension, e.g., Acts 15:7; Acts 20:24; 1 Pet. 4:17. Apart from those references and those in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, and Rev. 14:6, the noun is confined to Paul's Epistles. The Apostle uses it of two associated yet distinct things, (a) of the basic facts of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, e.g., 1 Cor. 15:1-3; (b) of the interpretation of these facts, e.g., Rom. 2:16; Gal. 1:7,11; 2:2; in (a) the "Gospel" is viewed historically, in (b) doctrinally, with reference to the interpretation of the facts, as is sometimes indicated by the context.

**Example passages in the New Testament**

**Acts 20:24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-3; Galatians 1:7, 11, 2:2**

The following phrases describe the subjects or nature or purport of the message; It is the "gospel" of God, Mark 1:14; Rom. 1:1; 15:16; 2 Cor. 11:7; 1 Thess. 2:2, 9; 1 Pet. 4:17; God, concerning His Son, Rom. 1:1-3; His Son, Rom. 1:9; Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Mark 1:1; our Lord Jesus, 2 Thess. 1:8; Christ, Rom. 15:19, etc.; the glory of Christ, 2 Cor. 4:4; the grace of God, Acts 20:24; the glory of the blessed God, 1 Tim. 1:11; your salvation, Eph. 1:13; peace, Eph. 6:15. Cp. also "the gospel of the Kingdom," Matt. 4:23; 9:35; 24:14; "an eternal gospel," Rev. 14:6.

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**Mark 1:14-15; Romans 1:1-3, 9, 15:16-21; 2 Corinthians 4:3-4; Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 Thessalonians 2:9; 2 Thessalonians 1:8; 1 Timothy 1:11; 1 Peter 4:17**

**In Galatians 2:14, "the truth of the gospel" is not about the true "gospel," but the true teaching of it, in contrast to perversions of it.**

Look at the many expressions that are used in connection with the "Gospel" in the New Testament.

**With preaching:**

**kerusso, "to preach it as a herald," Matt. 4:23; Gal. 2:2 (see PREACH);**

**lalesai, "to speak," 1 Thess. 2:2;**

**pollo agoni, in the midst of "much conflict" 1 Thess. 2:2;**

**diamarturomai, "to testify (thoroughly)," Acts 20:24;**

**euangelizo, "to preach," 1 Cor. 15:1; 2 Cor. 11:7; Gal. 1:11;**

**katangello, "to proclaim," 1 Cor. 9:14;**

**douleuo eis, "to serve unto" ("in furtherance of"), Phil. 2:22;**

**sunathleo en, "to labor with in," Phil. 4:3;**

**hierourgeo, "to minister," Rom. 15:16;**

**pleroo, "to preach fully," Rom. 15:19;**

**sunkakopatheo, "to suffer hardship with," 2 Tim. 1:8;**

**With responding:**

**dechomai, "to receive," 2 Cor. 11:4;**

**hupakouo, "to hearken to, or obey," Rom. 10:16; 2 Thess. 1:8;**

**pisteuete, "to believe in," Mark 1:15;**

**metastrepho, "to pervert," Gal. 1:7.**

**pisteusantes, "believed" Eph. 1:13;**

**apeithounton, "who do not obey" 1 Pet. 4:17.**

***\*It is amazing how much the New Testament focuses on the preaching, teaching, and obeying of the Gospel!***

**CONCLUSIONS**

* The world needs the good news or the Gospel of Jesus Christ
* The Lord’s people need to be spreading the good news publically and privately
* The Lord needs men to spread and lead efforts in spreading the good news
* From three Greek words in the New Testament we see a tremendous focus on spreading the good news of the gospel

Have you believed in that good news like the Samaritans in **Acts 8:12**? They believed the good news and were baptized to wash away all there sins. If you need to be baptized please decide to do so this morning! **Without obedience; preaching, hearing, and believing the gospel does not save any one!**

For those of us who are Christians, let us learn from the New Testament focus on spreading the good news of Jesus. **Let us make sharing the good news a priority in our lives!**