

CHRIST CENTERED EVANGELISM

DOCTRINAL FOUNDATION
2 CORINTHIANS 2:14-17

I. WHAT IS ETERNAL LIFE?

A. This is eternal life, that they may know the Father and _____, His Son, whom He has sent.

John 17:3

B. Jesus might be:

- the chief object of your devotion and
- the chief source of your delight.

C. The Lord Jesus might:

- extend His life through you
- express His character through you; and
- exhibit His power through you.

D. That you might be on _____ with God!

II. THE GREAT COMMISSION!

A. Go therefore and make _____ of all nations, baptizing them....., and teaching them to observe all things....." – Matthew 28:19-20



B. Co-Mission: To cooperate with His Mission!

C. What is a Disciple?

1. A devoted _____ of Jesus, as Prophet;
2. A determined _____ of Jesus, as King;
3. A dependent _____ on Jesus, as Priest.

D. If we are going to make disciples, we must be willing to do:

1. God's Work;
2. God's Way;
3. For God's Glory.

III. WHAT IS THE FATHER'S MISSION?

A. The Father is giving a _____ to His Son.

B. He is gathering in a _____ for His Son.



C. From every tribe, tongue and nation throughout the timeline in history.

IV. IF YOU ARE REDEEMED, YOU ARE A PART OF THAT LOVE GIFT!

A. To be on mission with Him.

B. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear _____ and that your fruit should remain. – John 15:16

By this My Father is glorified, that you bear _____ fruit; so you will be My disciples.



V. WHAT IS THAT FRUIT?

A. The fragrance of the life of Jesus Christ being made manifest in and through our _____.

B. That our lives might tell the _____ about Jesus.

C. Our lives might bear a _____ resemblance to the Lord Jesus.

D. Our lives might bear the _____ marks of the new birth.

E. Our lives might bear the evidences that testify that we are on the Narrow Road.

F. Without Me you can do _____! – John 15:5
He who abides in Me, and I in Him bears much fruit. – John 15:5

G. What is the ultimate purpose for this “abiding” in Jesus?

- So that the fragrance of the life of Jesus might be made manifest in our _____ within the sphere of the influence of our lives.

2 CORINTHIANS 2:12-17

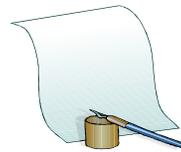
I. FOCUS ON OUR POSITION IN CHRIST!

Now thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph, in Christ.
2 Corinthians 2:14

I can have victory in Jesus! Continual triumph - 24 hours a day; 7 days a week.

A. What is the context in which Paul expresses the reality of this triumph? – 2 Corinthians 2:12-13

1. Paul is in the midst of great burdens and concerns. – verse 13
2. What is Paul troubled about? He is internally burdened over the church at Corinth. He is troubled over their response to his _____ of correction.



3. What are some of the problems at Corinth?
 - a. They were defiled _____;
 - b. They were defiled _____.
4. What do these verses tell us about a believer, who is bearing genuine fruit in his/her life?
 - a. There will be times of great blessings;
 - b. There will also be times of _____.

5. He came to Troas – verses 12 & 13b



- a. A door was opened _____ by the _____.
verse 12
- b. But Paul _____ from Troas and heads to Macedonia.
- c. This is a time of possible weakness and testing.
- d. Paul looks beyond his troubled spirit and beyond his circumstances.

6. What does Paul do? – verse 14 He focuses on his _____ in Christ.

Proverbs 3:5-6 – Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Romans 8:37 – Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us.

I Corinthians 15:57 – But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

B. God always leads me in triumph, in the Lord Jesus.

1. No matter:

- the outward _____;
- the way things appear on the _____;
- the response to the _____.

C. I am being led by the Sovereign Victorious King.

1. He has a certain _____. - Romans 8:28
2. He has given me a sure _____. – Matthew 16:18

D. Example - The Roman Triumph Procession!

E. The Lord Jesus is our Victorious General!

1. He has _____ death, hell and the grave.
2. He always leads us, through the triumph procession of life.
3. We have the awesome blessing of being in the victorious _____.

F. We have been sovereignly chosen to:

1. Bear His name:
2. Wear His uniform:
3. Serve in His army;
4. Follow His _____.

II. THE FRAGRANCE OF THE PERSON OF CHRIST!

Through us, He diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.
verse 14b

A. We have been redeemed to be “worshippers” of God!

John 4:23-24 – “But the hour is coming and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to

worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Romans 12:1 – I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

If we are the true worshipers of God, our lives will be:

1. Submitted to His _____;
2. Committed to His _____;
3. Cooperating with His _____.

Example: - John 12 – Mary worshipping at Jesus’ feet



B. As we present our lives as a living sacrifice, our lives will begin to manifest the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

1. We will get in on His _____.
2. We will be ministers of reconciliation.
3. We will be ambassadors for Christ.
4. We will become fishers of men.

C. Who is the Primary Audience?

For we are to God the fragrance of Christ! – verse 15

1. _____ is the primary audience!
 - a. We are living unto _____, first of all.

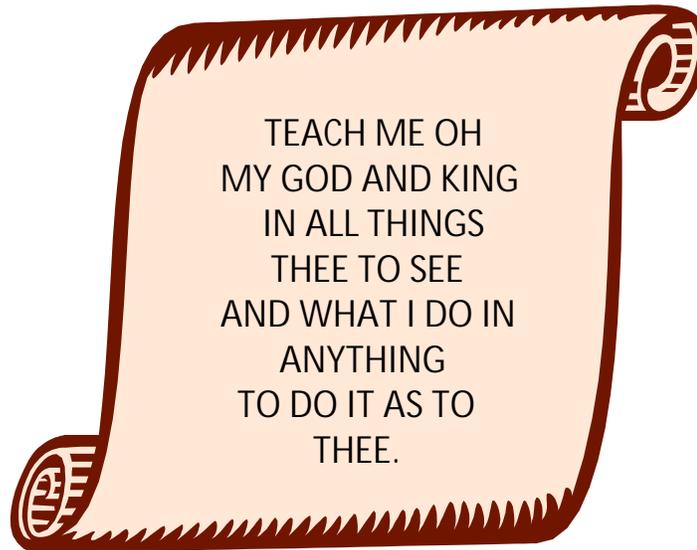
- b. We are living first, for His _____
2. Numbers are not the _____; primarily.
 3. Being pleasing to _____ is the primary goal.

Colossians 3:23 – And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.....

Romans 14:8 – For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

I Corinthians 6:19-20 – Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Philippians 1:21 - For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.



D. Who is the Secondary Audience?

Among those who are being saved; and among those who are perishing.
verse 15b

1. There is a two-fold effect to the Christ centered gospel witness. - John 3:16-18

SOME WILL BE

SOME WILL BE

THIS IS THE KEY



TO THIS ENTIRE

TRUTH!

A faithful believer "TRIUMPHS" no matter the response of people!

2. The true triumph is "being the fragrance of Christ to God"!

- a. As I am a living, holy and acceptable _____ unto God;
- b. As I am a yielded _____ to God;
- c. As my life is telling the _____ about the Lord Jesus.

This is a pleasing fragrance to the Father – this is the 'Triumph'!



3. God is glorified, when your life manifests the fragrance of the knowledge of Jesus, no matter the _____ of people.

4. The two-fold response to the aroma of the life of Christ.
verse 16

a. Death leading to death

Ephesians 2:1 – And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.....

- They are spiritually dead.
- They will suffer the second death. – Revelation 20

b. Life leading to life

John 10:10 – “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly”.

I John 5:12a – He who has the Son has life.....

I Peter 2:12 -having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

5. God is glorified in the _____ of some.

6. God is glorified in the _____ of others.

a. God takes no _____ in the death of the wicked. – Ezekiel 18:23

b. God desires that _____ men be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth. – I Timothy 2:4

c. Those who reject the Gospel will not prevent the _____ of God from being put on display.

7. How is God glorified in the condemnation of rebel sinners?

a. What is the Glory of God? – The outward _____ of His Character.

b. In the salvation of sinners, what part of His character is displayed?

- His _____
- His _____
- His _____

c. In the condemnation of Christ-rejecting sinners, what part of God's character is displayed?

- His _____
- His _____

8. Their response is not my responsibility. My responsibility is to:

- Focus on my Position in Christ; 
- Be the fragrance of the Person of Christ.

III. FAITHFUL TO THE PRECEPTS OF CHRIST!

We are not as so many..... - verse 17a

A. There were many _____ teachers who had infiltrated the church at Corinth.

1. These false teachers were using - Human wisdom;
Human means;
For Human glory.

2. What is a 'peddler' of the Word of God?

a. A religious huckster;

b. _____ the message of the gospel;

c. Making _____ of the message;

d. Selling as genuine, an inferior product.

B. Three ways in which we could become guilty of "peddling" the Word of God.

1. By using worldly means instead of God's Means.

2. By diluting the _____.

a. By _____ the terms of genuine conversion below Jesus' terms.

3. Human Praise -

Some people will use any gimmick or gadget, in order to manipulate a 'large response'. Why? Because they are interested in the applause of the religious _____.

C. Paul Says!

We are not, as so many.....but as of sincerity..... – verse 17

1. Integrity – a true and honest handling of the Gospel.

2. _____ dividing the word of truth. – II Timothy 2:15

3. Why is it so important to handle the Gospel with integrity?

- a. Salvation is a work of God.
- b. We are on mission with God.
- c. We are commanded to use the means of God.

4. What are God's means?

- a. The passionate, persevering _____ of the people of God.
- b. The proclamation of the _____ of Truth.
- c. Living a Christ - centered life.

5. Why must we be faithful to the precepts of Christ?

II Corinthians 2:17b -We speak in the sight of God in Christ.

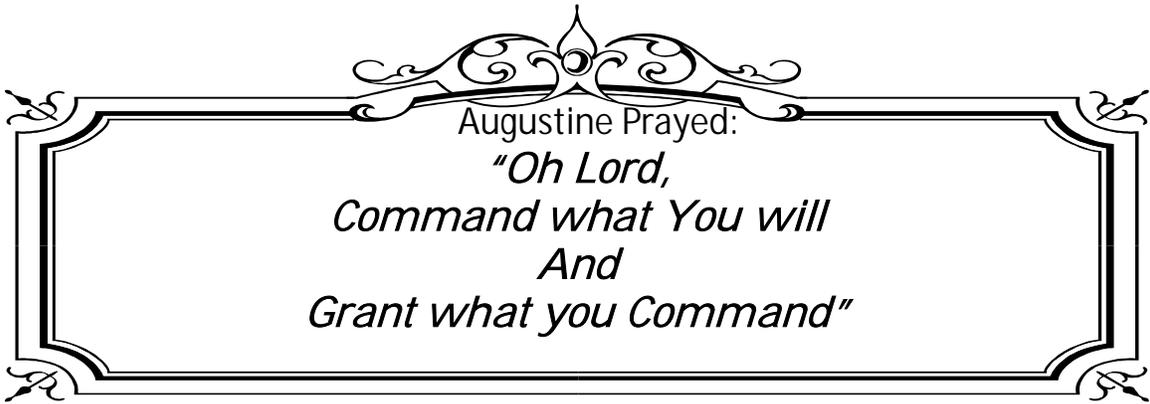
- a. Who is the primary audience? _____
- b. We are responsible to God.

IV. FILLED WITH THE POWER OF CHRIST!

Who is sufficient for these things? – verse 16b

A. No one is sufficient, in and of themselves!

- 1. Without Me, you can do nothing! – John 15:5
- 2. Our sufficiency is from _____. – II Corinthians 3:5



B. No one is sufficient to give success to the Gospel, in and of themselves.

1. I Corinthians 3:6 –

- a. Paul planted;
- b. Apollos watered;
- c. _____ gives the increase.

Man is responsible to plant
and water



But only God gives the increase!

ACTS 1:8

Jesus says, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses unto Me."



I. IF WE ARE GOING TO BE ON MISSION WITH GOD, WE MUST REALIZE THAT THERE ARE 3 THINGS THAT WE ARE INCAPABLE OF ACCOMPLISHING, IN THE SALVATION OF SINNERS.

A. We cannot resurrect sinners from spiritual death!

1. Why?

Ephesians 2:1 – And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.....

Sinners are _____ in trespasses and sins.

2. What is spiritual death?

a. Without any sign of spiritual _____;

b. _____ from the living God;

c. No _____ with God.



3. What is the opposite of this truth?

John 17:3 – And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

They are without any personal relationship with _____.

4. A person who is spiritually dead is a spiritual _____.

Ephesians 4:18 -having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them because of the blindness of there heart.....

a. There are three powerful obstacles facing us, when we present the gospel:

(1) _____!

(2) _____!

(3) _____!

b. What makes these three obstacles so powerful?

(1) It is _____ separation!

(2) It is _____ ignorance!

(3) It is _____ darkness!

5. The Gospel is foolishness to the spiritually dead.

a. They are totally unaware of their desperate condition:

(1) They may have a consciousness of _____ standards.

(2) You may be able to convince them that they are _____.

6. Who is the only one who can resurrect them in their spiritually dead condition? The Holy _____!

B. We cannot illuminate their spiritually blinded minds!

1. A Sinner's mind is blinded.



Having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the _____ that is in them, because of the blindness of their hearts. - Ephesians 4:18

2. However, their blinded minds must comprehend and respond to the:

- Person of the Lord Jesus Christ
- Work of the Lord Jesus Christ
- Terms of the Lord Jesus Christ

3. The natural man does not receive the things of God, for they are foolishness to Him; neither _____ he know them, for they are spiritually discerned. – I Corinthians 2:14

- a. His non-reception is the fruit of his non-_____.

- b. He does not receive because he cannot _____.

4. Neither can he know them –

- a. "May" is a word of _____.

- b. "Can" is a word of _____.

- c. The Natural man has no desire or ability to perceive and receive the spiritual truth of the Gospel.

5. Why does he have no ability to perceive and receive the Gospel?

II Corinthians 4:3-4 – But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

- a. He is living in spiritual _____.
- b. What can a blind man see? _____.

6. Is there any possibility of illumination? What can we do?

- a. We _____!

II Corinthians 4:5 – For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.

- b. Preach Who? _____ as Lord! – II Corinthians 4:5b
- c. That God may shine the light _____ of darkness!

7. Only God can shine a light “out of Darkness”.

- a. First Creation – Let there be Light. – Genesis 1:2
- b. New Creation – God creates supernatural _____ in a darkened soul.

II Corinthians 4:6 – For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- c. Paul's Personal Testimony!

Galatians 1:15 – But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace.....

(1) When did Paul get saved? When it pleased _____!

C. We cannot liberate their captive will.



We were once _____ of sin. – Romans 6:17

For when you were _____ of sin. – Romans 6:20

1. The unconverted sinner's will is in captivity to _____.



2. He who practices sin is a slave of _____.

3. But God commands this sinner to _____ and believe.

4. Without repentance and saving faith, there is _____ salvation.

a. These are Commands of the Gospel:

(1) _____ on the Lord Jesus Christ.
Acts 16:31

(2) God commands all men everywhere to _____.
– Acts 17:30

5. We cannot _____ repentance and faith,
through human influence or persuasion.

a. Repentance and faith are not _____ the
unconverted heart of man.

b. Both, repentance and faith are _____ of God.

Acts 5:31 – Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

Acts 11:18 – When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, “Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.”

II Timothy 2:25b –if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth.....

6. How should these three realities influence our evangelism?

- a. They should bring us to a conscious awareness of our total dependence on _____.
- b. They will prevent us from using any methods that have not been _____ by God.
- c. They will draw us to a prayerful use of God’s ordained _____.
- d. They will prevent us from being filled with _____ when our evangelism appears outwardly successful.
- e. They will prevent us from being overwhelmed with _____ when our evangelism is not outwardly successful.

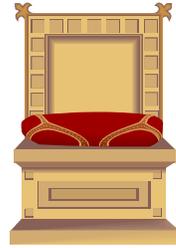
II. THREE THINGS WE CAN AND MUST DO IN THE SALVATION OF SINNERS!

A. We can and must pray and seek God for their conversion.

1. The Example of Paul’s Life!

Romans 10:1 – Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel, is that they may be saved.

a. What is supplication? An intense intercession for the answer to the _____ issues that are deeply concerning us.



b. Coming: personally; passionately; and persistently to _____, to plead for the salvation of lost souls.

c. Paul knew that God was sovereign in the salvation of souls.

(1) Paul also had a personal, passionate and persistent _____ life.

(2) Romans 9:1-3 – I tell you the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh.....

d. Paul understood that intercession was one of God's means in the salvation of _____.

2. The Exhortation of Paul's Lips!

I Timothy 2:1 – Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men.....

a. We must _____ for lost souls.

b. We must _____ in intercession;

- labor under a prayer burden;
- stand in the gap, for the salvation of sinners.

3. The Explanation of Prayer's Link!



Ezekiel 36:25-27 & 37 – “Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.....Thus says the Lord God: I will also let the house of Israel inquire of Me to do this for them.....”

- Verses 25-27 - We see that God is sovereign in salvation.
- Verse 37 – We are given the privilege of _____ for the realization of the truths found in verses 25-27.
- Which is true: Is God sovereign in salvation or does my prayer make a difference? _____
- Will God save souls, if I don't pray? That is a _____ question, in light of the truth.
- Evangelism without prayer is presumption; Prayer without Evangelism is hypocrisy.

4. The Execution of Your Prayer Life!

“Four Personal Responsibilities In Your Prayer Life”

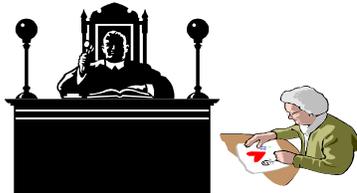
- _____ Prayer!

Psalm 126:6 – He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Romans 9:1-2 – I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart.

b. _____ Prayer!

Luke 18:1 -Men always ought to pray and not lose heart.



The persistent widow and the unjust Judge!

I Thessalonians 5:17 – Pray without ceasing.....

Matthew 7:7 – Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find: knock, and it will be opened to you.

c. _____ Prayer!

(1) Praying in agreement with the Word of God, concerning the salvation of souls



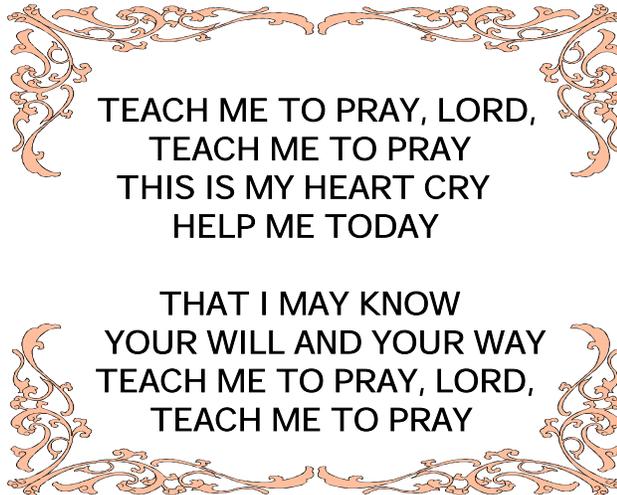
(2) Praying the promises and the truths of God to the Lord.

(a) God would resurrect, illuminate, and

_____.

- (b) God would send _____ into their lives.
- (c) God would _____ them repentance and faith.
- (d) God would do whatever is necessary, to bring them to the _____ of themselves.

d. _____ Prayer!
Praying for specific people, that God has placed within the sphere of the influence of your life.



B. WE CAN AND MUST BRING THE CHRIST-CENTERED MESSAGE TO SINNERS!

1. He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing precious seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. – Psalm 126:6

a. What is the Seed? The _____ of God.

Luke 8:11 – Now the parable is this:



The seed is the word of

God.

Romans 10:17 – So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

2. Of His own will he brought us forth by the _____ of truth. – James 1:18

a. The ultimate cause of regeneration is the _____ of God.

b. The instrumental cause of regeneration is the _____ of God.

3. Having been born again, not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible, through the _____ of God.
1 Peter 1:23

4. The Holy Spirit takes the Word of God and

- Gives life to the spiritually dead;
- Gives light to the spiritually blind;



- Gives liberty to the spiritually bound.



5. It is through the Word of God that:

- The Savior is revealed ;
- The Sinner is reproved ;
- The Slave is _____.

6. How do we bring the Christ-centered message to sinners?

- a. The influence of a Christ-centered _____.
- b. The impact of the _____ of Jesus flowing through the believer's life.
- c. The impartation of the _____ and the gospel.

7. Why do we proclaim the Moral Law of God?

Romans 3:19-20 - Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

- a. The Law is the _____ that God uses to bring a sinner to the realization of their lost condition.
- b. Until a sinner comprehends the bad news of the Law, he will never hunger for the _____ news of the Gospel.



8. The purpose of presenting the Law:

- a. To stop the _____ of the sinner.
Romans 3:19
- b. To show the _____ what sin is.
Romans 3:20
- c. To seal the _____ in a condemned state. – Romans 3:19b

9. Christ Centered Evangelism must present the:

- a. _____ to the self-righteous sinner;
- b. Grace to the destitute sinner.

C. We can and must bring sinners to hear a Christ-centered message.

1. Invite them to the local church  where the people of God gather to hear the Word of God.

a. The special _____ of God is in the midst of His people.

b. The unconverted sinner comes into an environment where:

- The love of God is experienced;
- The Word of God is expounded;
- The _____ of God are expectant.

2. The public preaching of the Word of God!

a. God has chosen the foolishness of _____.



I CORINTHIANS 3:15-16

THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

I. WHY IS IT SO VITAL TO DO GOD'S WORK – GOD'S WAY?

II Corinthians 5:10 – For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

- A. Every believer's evangelism will be examined by the Lord Jesus Christ, to determine their rewards and/or loss of rewards.
1. Jesus Christ is the only solid foundation. – I Corinthians 3:11
 2. From our conversion to the _____ of our lives, we are building on that foundation. – I Corinthians 3:10
 3. There are only two types of material that believers build with:
 - a. _____ material;
 - b. _____ material.
 4. The examination will be a day of revelation. – I Corinthians 3:13
 - a. My ministry; the work that I did.
 - b. My methods; the way that I did it.
 - c. My _____; the reason that I did it.
 5. This will be a day of examination. – I Corinthians 3:13b

6. God's Work, done God's way, for God's glory will be _____ material.



Gold & Silver & Precious Stones

a. Ministry that was:

- Initiated by God;
- Maintained by God;
- Explained by God.

b. Ministry done under the Lordship of Christ; empowered by the Holy Spirit; for the glory of _____.

7. God's Work done Man's Way will be _____

material.



Wood – Hay – Stubble

a. Ministry, Methods, and Motives that were:

- Initiated by the flesh;
- Maintained by the flesh;
- Can be explained by the flesh.

WHAT WILL THAT DAY REVEAL ABOUT YOUR WORKS!

ACTS 1:8

THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF CHRIST-CENTERED EVANGELISM

I. WHAT ABOUT OUR PERSONAL VOCAL WITNESS?

A. You shall receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto _____ both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. – Acts 1:8

1. The Lord Jesus says that we are to be testifying about:

- The person of Christ;
- The work of Christ;
- The terms of Christ.

2. 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. I Peter 3:15

a. Be ready:

- Be willing,
- Be available,
- Be _____.

b. To give a defense:

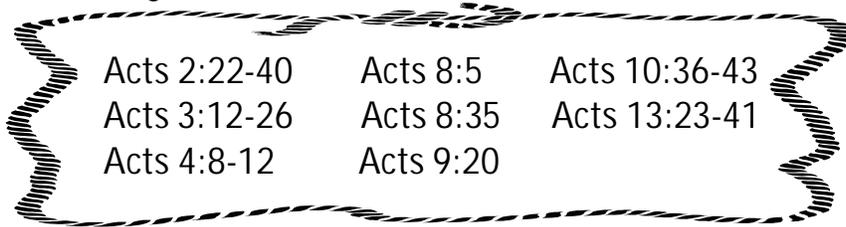
- Able to articulate, lovingly, humbly and _____.

c. The Hope:

- The Truth about the person of Christ,
- The Work of Christ,
- The Terms of Christ.

- d. Primarily, this is not my testimony;
- primarily I am speaking about the Lord _____.

3. Did the Disciples obey Jesus or did they create their own message?



B. Are our contemporary methods of Evangelism the Biblical method of Evangelism?

1. Do you know for sure that you are going to be with God in _____?
2. If God should ask you, "Why should I let you into my _____," what would you say?
3. Did you know that the Bible tells you, how you can know for sure, that you have eternal life and will go to be with God in _____?

I John 5:13 – These things I have written to you who believe that you may know that you have eternal life.

4. Here is how you can know for sure, _____ is a free gift?
5. Faith is the key that unlocks the door to _____.
6. The question that God is _____ you now is, "Would you like to receive the gift of eternal life?"
7. _____ Jesus as your personal Savior.

8. Open the door of your heart and _____ Him in. He says, "I stand at the door of you heart and knock; if any man hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him."

9. Here is a _____ prayer.

10. Here is your spiritual birth _____.

C. The goal of the 'practical application' section is that YOU may be personally equipped to share with anyone, from any background, concerning the truths about:

- Who Jesus IS
- What Jesus DID
- What are Jesus' TERMS to a "saving relationship" with Him!

(1) You will be prepared to share the vital truths about the Lord Jesus, with people from every background.

(2) In every encounter, you will be furnished with the



specific truths that _____ are appropriate to share with that particular person.

(3) Some people would quickly acknowledge and agree with some of these truths about Jesus; yet, they may be totally ignorant of other vital "saving" truths. God can use these specific truths to awaken them to their need of a "saving relationship" with the Lord Jesus.

II. THE CHRIST-CENTERED PRESENTATION!

A. The Deity of Jesus Christ!

1. Jesus Christ is "God the Son".

- a. God was manifested in the _____.
I Timothy 3:16
- b. But to the Son He says, "Your throne oh _____ ,
is forever and ever....." – Hebrews 1:8
- c. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was
with God, and the Word was _____.
John 1:1
- d. And the Word became _____ and dwelt
among us. – John 1:14

2. The Bible declares that "Jesus is your Creator".

- a. All things were made by Him, and without
Him nothing was _____ that was made.
John 1:3
- b. All things were created through Him and _____
Him. – Colossians 1:16b

3. "Jesus is God" from the Old Testament.

- a. Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and
shall call His name Immanuel, (_____ with us).
Isaiah 7:14b
- b. For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given;.....
and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor,

Mighty _____, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. - Isaiah 9:6

4. More verses revealing the Deity of Jesus Christ.

- a. Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, _____ has sent you. – Exodus 3:14
- b. _____ the Bread of Life. – John 6:35
- c. _____ the Light of the world. – John 8:12
- d. _____ the Resurrection and the Life. John 11:25



5. Before Abraham was _____.
John 8:58

6. If you do not believe that I AM, you will _____ in your sins. – John 8:24

7. The Testimony of another Disciple:

- a. Doubting Thomas – John 20:27-28
- b. My Lord and My _____.

8. The Testimony of Jesus.

- a. I and My Father are _____. – John 10:30

B. The Purity of Jesus!

1. Jesus is Holy.

- a. He was in all points tempted as we are, yet without _____ . - Hebrews 4:15
- b. He is _____ , harmless and undefiled. Hebrews 7:26
- c. For He made Him who knew no _____ . II Corinthians 5:21
- d. A Lamb without blemish and without _____ . I Peter 1:19

2. There are four realities a person must understand because of the "Holiness of Jesus".

- a. Jesus hates sin.
God is _____ with the wicked every day. Psalm 7:11

God hates _____ workers of iniquity. – Psalm 5:5



- b. Jesus must judge sin.
He who does not believe is _____ already. - John 3:18b

The _____ of God abides on him. John 3:36

- c. Their sins have separated them from God.
Your iniquities have _____ you from your God. – Isaiah 59:2

- d. God's requirement for entering into Heaven is "Perfect Righteousness".

Be _____, even as your father in Heaven is perfect. – Matthew 5:48

There is _____ righteous (perfect), no not one. Romans 3:10

3. When a sinner truly sees the “perfect” standard, he/she has grounds for conviction and contrition.
 - a. This conviction is a work of the Holy Spirit.
 - b. The sinner must see himself lost, before he will truly hunger and thirst for salvation on Jesus’ terms.

C. The Sinfulness of Man.

1. What is Sin?

- a. Going your own way.
Isaiah 53:6a – All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, everyone, to his own _____.
- b. The failure to meet God’s _____ standard.
- c. The failure to _____ God’s commandments perfectly.
- d. The failure to _____ God with all of your heart.

2. All have Sinned!

- a. All have sinned and come short of the Glory of God. Romans 3:23

- b. For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of _____.
James 2:10
- c. Cursed is everyone who does not continue in _____ things which are written in the book of the law. – Galatians 3:10
- d. The wages of sin is _____. – Romans 6:23a

D. The Salvation of Jesus – Jesus is the only Savior of Sinners.

1. There is Good News.

- There is a Savior; a Redeemer; a Deliverer!

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.



2. The message of the Cross is the only hope for Salvation, Redemption, and Deliverance.

For He made Him who knew no sin, to be _____ for us, that we might become the righteousness of _____ in Him. – II Corinthians 5:21

- a. The Father poured out His just wrath on His sinless Son; so He could pour out His _____ on a sinner like me.
- b. The Father treated Jesus, as if He had lived my life; so that He could treat me, as if I had lived _____ life.
- c. The Father placed my many sins on Jesus' account; and placed Jesus' righteousness on my _____.

d. God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 5:8

3. This sinner must realize that "Jesus Christ" is the only One who can save them from their sins and from eternal hell!

4. The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

a. If you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has _____ Him from the dead, you will be saved. – Romans 10:9

b. If you will embrace and treasure the resurrection of Jesus, as proving that Jesus is Lord and God; and that the Father accepts the death of Jesus on the Cross as completely sufficient for the _____ of your sins, you will be saved.

John 2:19 – "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

Acts 2:24a – Whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death.....

Acts 2:32 – This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.

Acts 3:15 – And killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

5. Jesus is the only Savior of Sinners!

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through _____. – John 14:6

This leads to



an essential Truth!

E. The Lordship of Jesus!

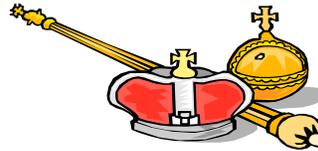
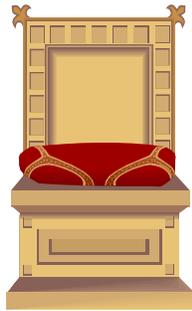
Jesus comes into your life to be your KING, when you enter into His Kingdom.

1. You cannot enjoy the blessings of the Cross, unless you are willing to bow to the Crown of His Lordship.

Philippians 2:9-10 – Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven and of those under the earth.....

- a. God has made this same Jesus.....both _____ and Christ. – Acts 2:36
 - b. Believe on the _____ Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved. – Acts 16:31
 - c. For whoever calls on the name of the _____ shall be saved. – Romans 10:13
 - d. If you will confess with your mouth Jesus as _____ . – Romans 10:9
2. Conversion is a commitment of one's life to Jesus as_____!
 3. They must confess Jesus as Lord:
 - a. Acknowledge Jesus as their Personal _____;
 - b. Abdicate the _____ of their life;
 - c. Adhere to a new _____.

Hebrews 1:8 – But to the Son He says: “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.”



4. We must not separate the _____ of Christ from the salvation of Christ!

F. The Terms of Jesus Christ!

What are Jesus “terms” to a “saving relationship” with Him?

1. The first term is Repentance!

_____, and believe in the Gospel. – Mark 1:15

_____, for the remission of sins. – Acts 2:38

_____ and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out. – Acts 3:19

God commands _____ men everywhere to repent.
Acts 17:30

Unless you repent, you will all likewise _____.
Luke 13:3



There are only 2 alternatives in this verse:
REPENT OR PERISH!

a. Genuine Repentance always involves these three realities:

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

b. Without genuine Bible Repentance, there is no Bible _____.

2. The second term is Saving Faith!

What is "Saving Faith"?

a. I place my trust and reliance on Jesus, as my Lord and _____.

b. I place my trust and reliance in what He did for me, personally, at the _____ and Resurrection.

Acts 16:31 – So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved....."

John 3:16 – 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.

Romans 10:10 – For with the heart one believes unto righteousness.....

c. I place my faith in His Person; I place my faith in His _____.

d. I commit what I know of _____ to what I know of Jesus.

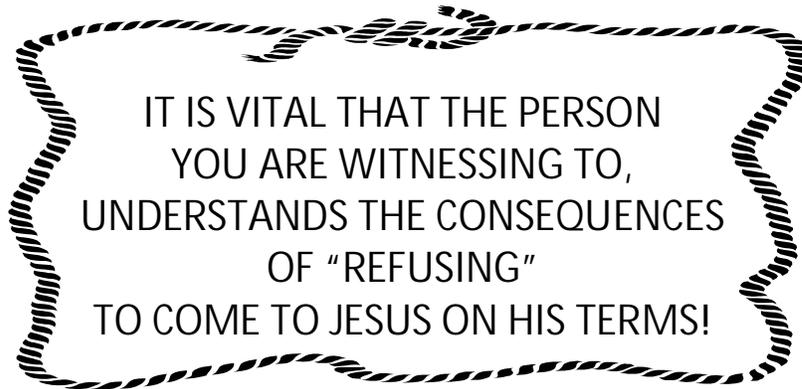
e. I forsake all trust in my self for salvation; and I place all my trust in _____ alone!

G. The Justice and Judgment of Jesus Christ! "Jesus is the Final Judge"

God has appointed a day on which he will _____ the world in righteousness, by the Man who He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all, by raising that Man from the dead. - Acts 17:31

It is appointed unto man once to die and after this the _____. Hebrews 9:27

The Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not _____ the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. II Thessalonians 1:7-8



1. Jesus will be their Judge!

- a. If they never cast their lives on the mercy of the Lord Jesus. They will face the unwavering _____ of "Judge Jesus".
- b. The One who could have been their Lord and Savior will be their _____.

c. Their life will be judged by the Moral
_____ of God.

2. The evidence of their thousands of sins will be overwhelming:

- Every unclean thought;
- Every impure motive;
- Every idle word;
- Every selfish action.

3. The verdict! - _____!



Their own sins will erupt
that day, exposing their guilt!

4. The Sentence! - The eternal Lake of fire!

- OUTER DARKNESS
- ETERNAL TORMENT
- WEEPING – WAILING- GNASHING OF TEETH
- FORSAKEN BY HOLY GOD
- UNQUENCHED THIRST

H. What will you do with the Lord Jesus? – “The Final Question”

1. There are only two alternatives:

- a. Confess Jesus Christ, as you Lord and Savior;
- b. _____ Jesus Christ, and die in your sins.

2. We must urge them to “Repent and Believe the Gospel”.

- a. _____ is the day of salvation!
II Corinthians 6:2
- b. Today, if you hear His voice, harden not your heart.
Hebrews 3:7b-8a
- c. Do not boast of tomorrow..... - Proverbs 27:1

III. A CHRIST-CENTERED INVITATION!



VITAL TRUTHS THAT WE MUST UNDERSTAND AND APPLY!

A. We must allow the Holy Spirit to work.

1. Repeating a sinner's _____ has never saved anyone.
2. Leading them through a little _____ and bringing them to some physical act does not save them.

B. We can and must _____ them to Christ.

- We cannot awaken them to the realization of their bankrupt condition.
- We cannot illuminate their spiritually blinded minds.
- We cannot induce them to genuinely repent and savingly believe.

C. We must be willing to trust the Holy Spirit to do what only _____ can do.

- He can awaken the dead.
- He can illuminate the blind.
- He can bring conviction, contrition, and conversion.

D. At the conclusion of a Christ-Centered Presentation:

1. We must lovingly, _____ them to “repent and believe”.

E. We must Pray that:

1. The Lord would have mercy on their souls;
2. They would repent and believe the Gospel.

F. We must not stand in the way of the work of the _____
_____ in their conversion.

G. We must not give _____ assurance of salvation.

1. Only _____ can give assurance of salvation.
2. If we attempt to give human assurance, we are in danger of
_____ their souls; _____ their souls.



VITAL TRUTHS TO REMEMBER:
THERE WILL ALWAYS BE FOUR POSSIBLE
RESPONSES TO
CHRIST-CENTERED EVANGELISM!

YET,
ONLY ONE OF THOSE RESPONSES
DEMONSTRATES GENUINE CONVERSION!

LUKE 8:4-15

FOUR RESPONSES TO CHRIST-CENTERED EVANGELISM



THE PARABLE OF THE FOUR SOILS

A. "THE WAYSIDE SOIL"!

Luke 8:5 – A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it.

1. This soil represents the "HARD HEART".

Luke 8:12 – Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

- a. Indifferent procrastinator;
- b. Aggressive Christ – rejecter;
- c. Non- religious hard heart;
- d. Religious hard heart.

B. "THE STONY SOIL"!

Luke 8:6 – Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture.

Also found in Matthew 13:5-6

1. This soil represents the "SHALLOW HEART". – verse 13
(A Superficial Response)

- a. Not every profession of faith is a _____ of faith.
- b. A person can be stirred emotionally; stimulated mentally; but never born _____.
- c. Many have a temporary faith. – verse 13
- d. But when the sun was up..... - verse 6

(1) The sun could have been the catalyst to reveal that, there was fruit; because there was a _____.

(2) The sun became the catalyst to reveal that, there was no fruit, because there was _____ root.



C. "THE THORNY SOIL"!

Luke 8:7 – And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked them.

1. This soil represents the "WORLDLY HEART". – verse 14

Luke 8:14 – Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

- a. This person wants to tack Jesus onto their own _____ life.
- b. They want a ticket to Heaven, without forsaking their worldly _____.
- c. They want salvation without turning from their _____ for the world.

d. They want a relationship with Jesus, while continuing to live in and for this world.

(1) If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is _____ in him. – I John 2:15

(2) Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an _____ of God. - James 4:4

(3) Whose end is destruction.....who set their mind on _____ things. - Philippians 3:19

(4) Who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this _____. - Ephesians 2:1

2. On the surface the soil looks rich, ripe and ready for planting.

Just underneath the surface there are three fibrous, malignant weeds; because this is not “regeneration” of the Holy Spirit.

a. “The Cares of this World”

(1) Preoccupied with the _____ of this world.

(2) They are consumed with _____ issues that crowd out the true spiritual concerns.

b. “The Deceitfulness Of Riches” 

(1) They are living for the _____ of this world.

(2) They are attempting to find fulfillment in _____.



(3) What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own _____? Mark 8:36

c. "The Pleasures (Amusements) Of This Life"



(1) In the last days perilous times will come; because men will be lovers of _____ rather than lovers of God. - II Timothy 2:1-3

D. "THE FERTILE SOIL"!

Luke 8:8a – But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.

1. This soil represents a CONVERTED HEART.

Luke 8:15 – But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

a. The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God and:



- Resurrects them from spiritual death;
- Illuminates their blinded mind;
- Liberates their captive will.

b. God gives them the gift of "Repentance":



- Conviction;
- Contrition;
- Conversion.

c. God gives them the gift of "Saving Faith".

- There is a commitment to Christ;
- There is a confession of Christ.

2. How will we know that their repentance is "Genuine"?
How will we know if their faith is "SAVING FAITH"?

a. By the _____ of Bible Conversion.

(They will bear on-going fruit; some 30, some 60,
some 100.)



Proverbs 12:12 – But the root of the righteous
yields fruit.

Psalm 1:3 – He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that
brings forth its fruit in its season.....

Matthew 3:8 – Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance.

Matthew 7:20 – Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

John 15:16 – You did not chose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should remain that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

b. Their life will begin to manifest the _____
of the “New Birth”.

- (1) Santification
- (2) Submission
- (3) Separation
- (4) Supernatural Love
- (5) Soul Winning

**YOU WILL KNOW THEM
BY THEIR FRUIT!**



SOME THIRTY, SOME SIXTY, SOME HUNDRED!

A PERSONAL EXHORTATION TO
BE INVOLVED IN
VOLUNTARY SACRIFICE AND SUFFERING
FOR THE SALVATION OF SOULS!

I. WHAT IS OUR PRIMARY MOTIVE IN CHRIST – CENTERED EVANGELISM?

A. To bring _____ to God.

John 15:8 – By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

B. We are called to be witnesses, for the greater extension of the Kingdom of God and for the greater expression of the Glory of God.

● Matthew 24:14a ● **Romans 15:9** ● II Corinthians 4:15

II. THE CERTAIN PROMISE!

A. Jesus said, “ I _____ build My church.” - Matthew 16:18
This is a guarantee from the Lord.

John 6:37a – All that the Father gives Me will come to Me.....

Isaiah 46:11b -Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.

B. Why is it a certain promise?

Matthew 28:18 – And Jesus came and spoke to them saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”

1. _____ authority has been given to the Sovereign Lord.

a. _____ authority;

b. _____ authority.

2. Jesus has authority over the powers of _____.

Matthew 16:18b -and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

3. Jesus has authority over all _____.

John 17:2a – “As you have given Him authority over all flesh.....”

III. THE SPIRIT’S PRESENCE!

Matthew 28:20b – “.....and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

A. We must realize that this is a crucial element in Christ-Centered Evangelism.

1. God has called us to an awesome _____.

Ephesians 2:10 – For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

2. Believers have the Spirit’s presence:

a. _____ us into all Truth; – John 16:13

b. _____ Christ in us; - John 16:14

c. _____ us in all afflictions.

IV. THE SOLEMN PRICE!

Matthew 10:38 – “And he who does not take up his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.”

- A. God, in His sovereign plan, has ordained 'voluntary sacrifice and suffering' for the salvation of souls and the _____ of God.
- B. This is one of His means to carry out Christ-Centered Evangelism.
1. The Greek word which is translated "witness" actually means _____. – Acts 1:8
 2. There is nothing lacking in Jesus' suffering. – Colossians 1:24
 - a. Jesus' sacrifice and suffering was for propitiation.
 - b. My sacrifice and suffering is for _____.
- C. Jesus' part in voluntary sacrifice and suffering for the salvation of souls:
1. The Cross was not an _____.
 2. Him being delivered by the determined purpose and foreordained plan of _____. – Acts 2:23
 3. The Lamb slain from the foundation of the _____.
Revelation 13:8b
 4. No one takes my life from Me, but I lay it down of Myself.
John 10:18
- D. Our part in God's sovereign plan:
Voluntary sacrifice and suffering for the proclamation of the Christ centered Gospel _____.
1. Illustrated by Paul's Life!

Acts 9:15-16 - But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

a. Chosen for _____;

b. Chosen for _____;

c. Chosen for _____.

2. This is for all believers!

a. For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to _____ for His sake. – Philippians 1:29

b. If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up _____ cross, and follow Me. – Luke 9:23

Jesus' Cross was for Propitiation



My Cross is for Propagation and Proclamation

E. Examples of voluntary sacrifice and suffering for the salvation of souls:

“VOLUNTARY SACRIFICE”

1. You sacrificed your _____ to participate in this training.
2. You will sacrifice some leisure time to _____ the “Practical Application” section.

3. You must “die” to your _____ and _____ in order to be an effective witness.

“VOLUNTARY SUFFERING”

1. You may _____ alienation from family, friends, neighbors or workmates.....etc.
2. You may be ridiculed and _____.
3. Your _____ may be maligned.

F. How is “Voluntary Sacrifice and Suffering” illustrated in Paul’s Life?

Philippians 1:12-14 – But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; And most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

1. The Example! – verse 12
 - a. Paul is a living example of _____ in the midst of suffering.
 - b. He is living out Romans _____.
2. The Evangelism of the Lost! – verse 13
 - a. The results of the Evangelism

Philippians 4:22 – All the saints greet you, but especially those who are of Caesar’s household.

3. The Encouragement of the Believers! – verse 14
4. The Exaltation of Christ!

Philippians 1:20 – According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.

G. Jesus voluntarily sacrificed to redeem sinners;
We voluntarily sacrifice to _____ sinners.

H. How do we respond to persecution for Jesus' sake?

1. _____! WHY?

a. Your _____ in Heaven.

- Matthew 5:12
- Luke 6:22-23

b. Your _____ on Earth. - Acts 5:41

V. THE SERVANT'S PRIVILEGE!

Psalm 126:6 – He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

A. Rejoicing in the conversion of lost sinners!

1. Rejoicing in the _____;



2. Rejoicing in the _____ of angels;

- Luke 15:10
- Hebrews 12:2

3. Rejoicing in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His _____.

I Thessalonians 2:19 – For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?