

# THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

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Week 5: Evangelism  
Matthew 28: 18-20

## Introduction

The story is told of some people who fell into a deep Well and were bound to perish so long as they remained in there. A concerned individual heard the agonizing cry of these people and came to their rescue. He came to the side of the Well with a very long and strong rope, let down the rope and brought out one of the victims. Having brought out this fellow the "good Samaritan" left the rope and went his way. How would the others be rescued?

## What is Evangelism?

1. **Misconceptions:** Unfortunately, there are numerous misconceptions about this noble task, some of which are:
  - a. It is the Pastor's job.
  - b. It's sufficient for me to evangelize by the way I live.
  - c. I must be versed in the Bible and evangelism techniques before I can do it.
  - d. It amounts to imposing my faith upon others.
  - e. I must feel 'moved' before I can do it.
  - f. It requires setting aside special time for it.
  - g. It's wrong to evangelize at work or certain other places.
2. **Word defined:** The word "evangelism" isn't mentioned in the Bible, but its theme is woven throughout the New Testament. Evangelism comes from the Greek words *euaggelion*, meaning "a good message, or gospel" and *euaggelizo*, meaning "to announce, declare, bring, or preach this good news." It is essentially about making the good news known to others.
3. **The call and the command:** When the Lord Jesus called Simon and others, He made His purpose explicit; *"Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."* Mark 1:17 Shortly before He went back to heaven, He commanded His disciples to *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."* (Matt. 28:19) and also commanded them to be His witnesses all over the earth (Acts 1:8).

## Why is it so important?

Evangelism is important for numerous reasons, as follows:

- a. **The sinner's condition:** under God's indignation (Ps. 7:11). The apostle Paul says, *"Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others."* 2 Cor. 5:11a

- b. **God's desire:** *"(He) desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."* 1 Tim. 2:4
- c. **The reason we were called:** *'And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."* Mark 1:17
- d. **Christ's command:** *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."* Matt. 28:19
- e. **The facts of salvation:**
  - the gospel is *"the power of God for salvation"* (Rom. 1:16);
  - the sinner must hear and believe the gospel in order to be saved (Rom. 10:13-15).
- f. We are Christ's ambassadors entrusted with the message of reconciliation. (2 Cor. 5:18-20)
- g. Evangelizing is the only wise way to live. (Prov. 11:30; Luke 5:9-10)
- h. There is eternal reward for evangelizing. (Dan. 12:13)

## How do I play my part?

*"All of us must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent me, because there is little time left before the night falls and all work comes to an end."* (John 9:4) NLT

- Your personal responsibility
- Your private mission field

## Point to Ponder:

**What are you willing to do so that the people you know will go to heaven?**

- Invite them to church.
- Share your story.
- Give them a Bible.
- Take them out for a meal.
- Pray for them every day until they come to Christ.

*"The eternal salvation of a single soul is more important than anything else you will ever achieve in life."* (Purpose curriculum author)

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## SONGS

"GOD SO LOVED" – A. Bergthold, E. Cash, F. Cash, M. Cash, and S. Cash

"FOUND IN YOU" - Paul Baloche and Andi Rozier

"FOREVER" - Chris Tomlin

"O PRAISE THE NAME (ANASTASIS)" – D. Ussher, M. Sampson, and B. Hastings

## BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 28,454.56  
WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,093.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$ 1,508,067.26  
Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$ 1,588,092.00