

# **Sharing the Gospel Message**

(Romans 10:14-17; 11:1-6)

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## **A. The “How” of the Message**

### **1. A Reverse Timeline**

#### **The Speaker:**

##### **1. Greek *Apostello* = “Apostle” = “Messenger”**

**The Church sends out “messengers” to preach the gospel message:**

“And he [Jesus] said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation” (Mark 16:15 ESV).

##### **2. The Messenger preaches the gospel message:**

“Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished”(Acts 4:13).

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#### **The Audience:**

#### **3. The audience hears the gospel message:**

“It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me” (John 6:45).

#### **4. The audience believes the gospel message:**

“And they said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved’” (Acts 16:31).

#### **5. The audience members call on Jesus for salvation:**

“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:13).

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#### **The Conclusion:**

“In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit” (Ephesians 1:13).

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16).

# **“Calling”**

- We call out to God for deliverance from sin
- God calls us to salvation in Him
- We are called to carry out the work that God has planned for us

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- **“Word” = The declarations by Jesus**

(Jesus to Thomas) “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6)

- **“Word” = Wisdom (Greek: *logos*)**

- **“Word” = Hebrew: *Ruach*, Greek: *pneuma* = Spirit/breath/wind**

“And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters” (Genesis 1:2b).

- **“Word” = The Good News/Gospel**

- **“Word” = Jesus:**

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1).

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#### **“Word” = Scripture**

“so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:11)

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## **B. The “Where” of the Message:**

**1. Within the Local Church**

**2. Around the Local Church**

**3. Beyond the Local Church**

<sup>19</sup> “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20).



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## **C. The “Why” of the Message:**

### **1. God’s Purpose and Plans for Our Lives**

<sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10)

<sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (I Corinthians 15:58)

### **2. The Building of God’s Kingdom**

Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.” (Luke 17:20-21).

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. (Romans 14:17)

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### **3. That Others May Know the Love of God**

Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.  
(Romans 10:1)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (John 10:10)

## **II. A Field Ready for Harvest (Romans 11:1-4)**

### **A. The “Who” of the Message**

#### **1. A Remnant Always Remains**

<sup>21</sup> A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God. (Isaiah 10:21)

#### **2. Those Whom God Prepares to Hear the Message**

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. . . . <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. (1 John 4:13, 19).

#### **3. Those Whom God Prepares to Share the Message**

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

### **III. Back to the Basics (Romans 11:5-6)**

#### **A. The “What” of the Message**

##### **1. Salvation by Grace, Not by Works**

“But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise, grace would no longer be grace” (Romans 11:6)

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

##### **2. We Preach Christ Crucified**

<sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles (1 Corinthians 1:22-23).

##### **3. God’s Wisdom and the World’s Folly**

<sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men (1 Corinthians 1:24-25).

# A Practical Tip for Evangelization

(i.e. Sharing the “Good News”)

- Tell YOUR story: How has your life changed for the better because of your faith in Jesus Christ?
- <sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!  
His faithful love endures forever.
- <sup>2</sup> Has the LORD redeemed you? Then speak out!  
Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies.


(Psalm 107:1-2)

# The End of the Matter

- “For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (I Corinthians 3:11).



**Let Us Pray**

A photograph of two hands raised in prayer, holding a glowing white cross. The hands are silhouetted against a bright, golden sunset sky with clouds. The sun is visible through the cross, creating a lens flare effect. The background shows a horizon line over water.