**The Model Church – The Need for Leaders (part 2): Evangelists**

This morning I would like to continue in our series “The Need For Leaders”. Last time I preached we talked about teachers in the New Testament and the great need for teachers today in the Lord’s church. This morning I would like us to continue with a word study of the three Greek words which relate to evangelist and evangelism. Next time I hope to bring a lesson on the terms related to preacher.

**THE NEED FOR LEADERS: EVANGELIST**

* **EVANGELIST(S) – OCCURS 3 TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**
* **PREACHER – OCCURS 4 TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**
* **MINISTER(S) – OCCURS 18 TIMES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**

**EVANGELIST(S)**

**Acts 21:8 (NKJV)**   
8  On the next *day* we who were Paul's companions departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the **evangelist (2099)**, who was *one* of the seven, and stayed with him.

**2 Timothy 4:5 (NKJV)**   
5  But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an **evangelist (2099)**, fulfill your ministry.

**Ephesians 4:11 (NKJV)**   
11  And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some **evangelists (2099)**, and some pastors and teachers,

Some scholars say apostles, prophets, and evangelists were only temporary for the establishment of the early church and that now we only have pastors and teachers. I do not agree with this position. The roles of preacher and evangelist are really synonymous in the Greek and are still needed workers in the kingdom of God for proclaiming and preaching the good news.

Titus and Timothy were uniquely qualified as evangelists and preachers. They were given the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit, were guided directly by an Apostle of Jesus Christ, and were given revelations through Paul and the Holy Spirit that were not given to others (e.g., qualifications of elders, deacons, and their wives, women’s role in teaching, etc.). We do not have men with these blessings anymore, however we men can follow their example in teaching, preaching, and encouraging in the gospel.

Similarly Paul was unique in being an apostle, a preacher, and one who received direct revelations from Jesus Christ. We no longer have apostles or men who received direct instructions or revelations from the Lord however we men can follow Paul’s example in how he lived his life, encouraged brethren, reached out to the lost no matter where he was, and in the humility he exhibited to all mankind.

We have talked about the 3 times the English term “evangelist” occurs in the New Testament. I want us now to look at the meaning of the Greek word transliterated as “evangelist” and two other more common New Testament Greek words that relate to this role.

**(2099, euaggelistes/euangelistes)** **o**

Occurs **3 times** in 3 verses in the Greek concordance of the KJV; **evangelist 3**

**VINES**: lit., "a messenger of good" (eu, "well," angelos, "a messenger"), denotes a "preacher of the Gospel," Acts 21:8; Eph. 4:11, which makes clear the distinctiveness of the function in the churches; 2 Tim. 4:5. Cp. euangelizo, "to proclaim glad tidings," and euangelion, "good news, gospel." Missionaries are "evangelists," as being essentially preachers of the Gospel.

**Example passages in the New Testament**

**Acts 21:8, 2 Timothy 4:5, Ephesians 4:11**

**(2097, euangelizo) Transliteration of euangelisasthai like baptizo**

Occurs **61 times** in 52 verses in the Greek concordance of the KJV; **preach 23**, **preach the Gospel 22**, bring good tidings 2, show glad tidings 2, bring glad tidings 1, declare 1, declare glad tidings 1, misc 3

**VINES**: A-1 - is almost always used of "the good news" concerning the Son of God as proclaimed in the Gospel [exceptions are e.g., Luke 1:19; 1 Thess. 3:6, in which the phrase "to bring (or show) good (or glad) tidings" does not refer to the Gospel]; Gal. 1:8 (2nd part). With reference to the Gospel the phrase "to bring, or declare, good, or glad, tidings" is used in Acts 13:32; Rom. 10:15; Heb. 4:2. In Luke 4:18 the RV "to preach good tidings" gives the correct quotation from Isaiah, rather than the AV "to preach the Gospel." In the Sept. the verb is used of any message intended to cheer the hearers, e.g. 1 Sam. 31:9; 2 Sam. 1:20. See GOSPEL, B, No. 1.

**Example passages in the New Testament**

**Luke 4:18; Acts 13:32; Romans 10:15; Hebrews 4:2**

**VINES**: B-1 - "to bring or announce glad tidings" (Eng., "evangelize"), is used (a) in the Active Voice in Rev. 10:7 ("declared") and Rev. 14:6 ("to proclaim," RV, AV, "to preach"); (b) in the Passive Voice, of matters to be proclaimed as "glad tidings," Luke 16:16; Gal. 1:11; 1 Pet. 1:25; of persons to whom the proclamation is made, Matt. 11:5; Luke 7:22; Heb. 4:2, 6; 1 Pet. 4:6; (c) in the Middle Voice, especially of the message of salvation, with a personal object, either of the person preached, e.g., Acts 5:42; 11:20; Gal. 1:16, or, with a preposition, of the persons evangelized, e.g., Acts 13:32, "declare glad tidings;" Rom. 1:15-16; Gal. 1:8; with an impersonal object, e.g., "the word," Acts 8:4; "good tidings," Acts 8:12; "the word of the Lord," Acts 15:35; "the gospel," 1 Cor. 15:1; 2 Cor. 11:7; "the faith," Gal. 1:23; "peace," Eph. 2:17; "the unsearchable riches of Christ, Eph. 3:8. See PREACH, SHEW, TIDINGS.

**Example passages in the New Testament**

**Matthew 11:5; Acts 5:42, 8:4, 12, 11:20, 15:35; Romans 1:15-16; 1 Corinthians 15:1; Galatians 1:8, 11, 16; Ephesians 2:17, 3:8; 1 Peter 1:25, 4:6; Revelation 10:7, 14:6**

**CLOSING**

Why not listen to the words of the Apostle Peter in **Acts 2:40** when he said, “Be saved from this perverse (crooked) generation”. And notice how the peopled responded in **Acts 2:41** and what Jesus did in **Acts 2:47**. These people acted on their belief, repented of their sins, were baptized to wash away their sins, and added to the Lord’s saved Body. That is how God wants people to respond to the good news. And this good news has blessings beyond this world. If we live faithfully after obeying the gospel, one day we will live forever in joy and rest! **That is truly the good news of the gospel!** Please come forward if we can help you now, while we stand and while we sing!