

# SESSION TITLE: Personal Evangelism

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## EVANGELISM

### Foundation

Ephesians 4

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. 7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the **measure of the gift** of Christ. 8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and **gave gifts unto men**.

### Purpose

9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, **evangelists**; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

### Reason

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

*The Holy Bible: King James Version. (2009). (Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version., Eph 4:4–16). Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.*

- 4 In light of all this, here's what I want you to do. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.
- 4–6 You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness.
- 7–13 But that doesn't mean you should all look and speak and act the same. Out of the generosity of Christ, each of us is given his own gift. The text for this is,

He climbed the high mountain,  
He captured the enemy and seized the booty,  
He handed it all out in gifts to the people.

Is it not true that the One who climbed up also climbed down, down to the valley of earth? And the One who climbed down is the One who climbed back up, up to highest heaven. He handed out gifts above and below, filled heaven with his gifts, filled earth with his gifts. He handed out gifts of apostle,

prophet, evangelist, and pastor-teacher to train Christ's followers in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son, fully mature adults, fully developed within and without, fully alive like Christ.



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14–16 No prolonged infancies among us, please. We'll not tolerate babes in the woods, small children who are an easy mark for impostors. God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that we will grow up healthy in God, robust in love.

Peterson, E. H. (2005). *The Message: the Bible in contemporary language* (Eph 4:1–16). Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress.

## EVANGELIST

The word translated in the NT 'evangelist' is a noun from the Verb euangelizomai 'to announce news', and usually rendered in evv as 'preach the gospel'. (The NT term echoes Heb. meḇaśśār, mebaśśereṭ in Is. 40:9; 52:7.) The verb is very common in the NT, and is applied to God (Gal. 3:8), to our Lord (Lk. 20:1), and to ordinary church members (Acts 8:4), as well as to apostles on their missionary journeys. The noun 'evangelist' occurs three times only in the NT. Timothy (2 Tim. 4:5) is exhorted by Paul to do the work of an evangelist; that is to say, make known the facts of the gospel. Timothy had accompanied the apostle on his missionary journeys. But it is plain from the injunctions in the two letters addressed to him that his work when the apostle wrote was very largely local and pastoral. That he is enjoined to do the work of an evangelist shows that a man who was an evangelist could also be a pastor and teacher. In Acts 21:8 Philip is described as 'the evangelist'. Philip had been chosen as one of the Seven in Acts 6, and after the persecution of Stephen he was prominent in preaching the gospel in unevangelized parts (e.g. Acts 8:5, 12, 35, 40) Though an evangelist, he was not included among the apostles (Acts 8:14). A similar distinction is made between Timothy and the apostles in 2 Cor. 1:1 and Col. 1:1. It will be seen, then, that though apostles were evangelists, not all evangelists were apostles. This distinction is confirmed in Eph. 4:11, where the office of 'evangelist' is mentioned after 'apostle' and 'prophet', and before 'pastor' and 'teacher'. From this passage it is plain that the gift of evangelist was a distinct gift within the Christian church; and although all Christians doubtless performed this sacred task, as opportunity was given to them, there were some who were pre-eminently called and endowed by the Holy Spirit for this work.

Later in the history of the church the term 'evangelist' was used for a writer of one of the four Gospels.

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The ministry according to scripture is appointed and given to men. Gifted to them to fulfill Christ's calling. The gifts and calling are without repentance, this when given is not changed or retracted!

Paul tells Timothy to be the evangelist he has been called to be and do it well. Phillips daughters were also known a evangelists. I have two sons, one is Pastoral the other very "evangelistic". They are like this in life as well as behind a pulpit. The gifting's are very clear to recognize, two very distinct personalities come along side the offices they hold. I have been with men I would comfortably call an Apostle, also prophets, you know when you are around the evangelists!

They hold a critical role in the ministry, they do carry a burden to proclaim the Gospel, every situation is turned to a conversation about Jesus Christ, and angled to change the content to be able to preach exuberantly. I

Speak with confidence in this, this ministry I have operated in for over 25 years.

Over the years I have seen thousands of people receive the Holy Ghost, personally taught hundreds of bible studies, over 500 have been filled in Liverpool since we arrived here. The miraculous is being filled, the healing is a part of who we are have come sometimes in a plenteous manner.



Hugh Jones: Mayor of Knowsley/stage 4 melanoma

Andrew Law: Chief Exec Taylor made/leukemia

Peter Johnston: Heart congestive failure

Matthew Hemus: Guillen Barre reversal

David Stickland: Received the Holy Ghost on his death bed

Many, many more examples, the job of an evangelist we have to do it well! They do not talk about it, they do not brag about it, there is no recognition in their own eyes, Jesus is being glorified, his Gospel being proclaimed in his power and demonstration, no flesh will glory in his presence, those with clean hands and a clean heart will walk upon the mountains with him. Those who are wise win souls!

Do we count the cost of our worth? Or are sold out? Ask an evangelist