
The Gift of the Evangelist (The Messenger of The Church)

The Foundation Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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Sermon: The Foundation Gifts of the Holy Spirit: The Gift of the Evangelist (The Messenger of The Church)

New Series Messages: “The Foundation Gifts of the Holy Spirit”

- Theme Scriptures:
 - Ephesians 4:11–12 (AV)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:
 - 2 Timothy 1:6 (AV)⁶ Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.
- Sermon: The Gift of the Apostle (The Establisher of The Church)
- Sermon: The Gift of the Prophet (The Voice of The Church)
- Sermon: The Gift of the Pastor (The Shepherd of The Church)
 - The Purpose of the Pastor (Lead the Sheep)
 - The Work of the Pastor (Feed the Sheep)
 - The Stirring of the Pastor (Care for the Sheep)

Lesson Text

Romans 10:13–15 (AV)¹³ For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. ¹⁴ How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

2 Timothy 4:3–5 (AV)³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; ⁴ And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. ⁵ But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Acts 1:8 (AV)⁸ **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

Introduction

The 5 Foundational Gifts are given to the Church to Perfect us, Work us, and Edify Us. So far, we’ve looked at the Apostle who Establishes the Church, the Prophet who’s the Voice of the Church, and the Pastor who Shepherds the Church.

Today we will look at the Gift of the Evangelist; the Messenger of the Church!

A Messenger is a person who carries a message or is employed to carry messages.

When it comes to the Church, our Message is the Gospel of Jesus Christ; that is to announce the Good News that Jesus Saves. And the Messenger of this Good News is the Evangelist!

Now although all of us are called to go to the world and share the Gospel (Matthew 29:19), some of us are given the Special Gift of the Evangelist to carry and deliver this Message.

The Gifted Evangelist has a supernatural ability of communicating the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ that pierces the heart and intellect of the hearer.

This gift should not be confused with soul-winning, that's up to God, but simply delivering the message that leads to Salvation.

1 Corinthians 3:7 (AV)⁷ So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

But the Church has been given the gift to supernaturally plant and water the Gospel in the hearts of men.

Series and Sermon: The Foundation Gifts of the Holy Spirit: The Gift of the Evangelist (The Messenger of The Church)

“The Purpose, Work, and Stirring of the Evangelist”

I. The Purpose of the Evangelist (Carry the Message)

Romans 10: ¹⁵ And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Although the Apostle Establishes the Church, the Prophet Preaches the Word of God to the Church, and the Pastor Shepherds the Church, it is the Gift of the Evangelist that ultimately brings people to the Church.

This happens by them taking or carrying the Gospel to the world.

Romans 10: ¹³ For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. ¹⁴ How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Now although the term “Preacher” is used interchangeably with all the Foundational Gifts (Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher), the evangelist message is to the world or the lost, whereas the others gifts are to those already in the Church.

Hence, the Evangelist must go from the church and carry the Gospel to the World.

Romans 10: ¹⁵ And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

There is nothing in particular that would make feet beautiful. As a matter of fact, most of them are crusty, have bunions and ingrown toenails, and smell. But what makes them beautiful is what they do; carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Gospel of Peace and Salvation to the World.

II. The Work of the Evangelist (Deliver the Message)

2 Timothy 4: ⁵ But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, **do the work of an evangelist**, make full proof of thy ministry.

Whereas the Purpose of the Evangelist is to carry the Gospel, the Work of the Evangelist is to actually deliver it.

The challenge in delivering the Gospel is when the times and people are not receptive to it.

2 Timothy 4:3–5 (AV)³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; ⁴ And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

They water down the Gospel to be liked, but their preaching is not delivering the message.

Romans 1:16 (AV)¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

The Work of the Evangelist is to be watchful: 1 Peter 5:8 (AV)⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

The Work of the Evangelist is to endure afflictions: Psalm 34:19 (AV)¹⁹ Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

The Work of the Evangelist is to make full proof of his ministry: 2 Timothy 4:² Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering ...

III. The Stirring of the Evangelist (Empowered with the Message)

Acts 1:8 (AV)⁸ **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

As we stated earlier, the Purpose of the Evangelist is to Carry the Gospel, and the Work of the Evangelist is to Deliver the Gospel. Finally, the Stirring of the Evangelist happens from being Empowered with the Gospel.

God didn't just call us do the work of the evangelist; he gave us the power to do it!

Acts 1:8 (AV)⁸ **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me...**

We've been given power to witness beyond our Comfort Zone (Jerusalem), power to witness beyond our Familiar Zone (Judaea), power to witness beyond our Security Zone (Samaria), and power to witness to the uttermost part of the earth.

Luke 10:19 (AV)¹⁹ **Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**

We've been given power to witness in spite of Serpents (Ungodly), power to witness in spite of Scorpions (Sinners), power to witness in spite of all the power of the enemy (Scornful).

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Gift of the Evangelist (The Messenger of the Church))

Lesson Text

- Romans 10:13–15, 2 Timothy 4:3–5, Acts 1:8
- Book: [The Complete Guide To Understanding The Holy Spirit](#): Read “Foundation Gifts, Evangelist”

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. The Purpose of the Evangelist

II. The Work of the Evangelist

III. The Stirring of the Evangelist

Questions

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. When you take a break/vacay, what do you enjoy doing for fun and relaxation?
2. On your breaks/vacays, do you take a break/vacay from the Lord? How do you incorporate God into your fun and relaxation?

II. Into the Bible

1. Acts 21:8 refers to “Philip the evangelist.” Study Acts 8:5-8 and Acts 8:26-38 along with Sunday’s sermon notes. List all of the ways in which Philip fulfilled the work of an evangelist in those passages. What evidence do we have that the Philip in Acts 21 is the same as the one in Acts 8? What other function or role did this Philip play in the early church?
2. Practice. How would you use Isaiah 53:6-7 to preach Jesus, the good news of salvation, to someone who is unchurched and does not know him?
3. In the lesson text, Romans 10:15, Paul writes “as it is written” indicating that what he says next is found in the Old Testament scriptures. Where in the Old Testament is the reference to beautiful feet preaching the gospel?

III. Life Application

1. Are you challenged to witness to certain people in your life? They may be in your Comfort Zone (Jerusalem), in your Familiar Zone (Judea) or in your Security Zone (Samaria). How can you overcome this challenge?
2. Do you have a specific method you use to evangelize? How do you communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ?