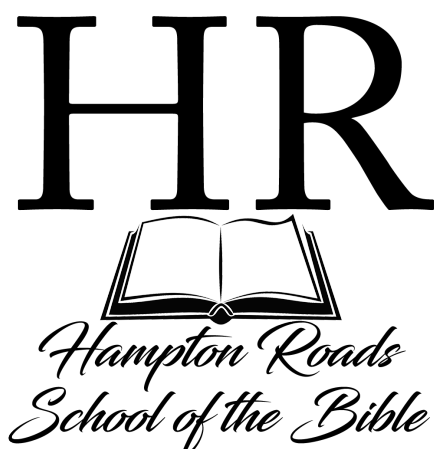


CORE CLASSES: Foundations Personal Evangelism I
Student Notes



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Lesson 1 – The Four Questions

Introduction: Of all the subjects covered in Bible College, Personal Evangelism is vital to the life God has designed for the Christian. It has been said that the heartbeat of God is the souls of men. The church has two primary missions, one is evangelism, and the other is discipleship. Every Christian is commanded to preach the gospel (**Mark 16:15**).

Notes

What is _____ Evangelism?

I Corinthians 15:3-4 *“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”*

Personal Evangelism _____.

Proclaiming the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world with the _____ of seeing them accept salvation by repenting of their sin and, by faith, turn to the Savior.

A. The Various Methods of Evangelism

1. _____ Evangelism

There are many public-facing ministries that afford opportunities for public/corporate evangelism.

a. Pastors

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

b. Missionaries

“And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.” Acts 16:9-10

c. Evangelists

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;” Ephesians 4:11

d. Teachers

2. _____ Evangelism

Different from Public Evangelism, Personal Evangelism is the one-on-one approach to giving the gospel to the lost. Personal Evangelism requires the individual to make the conscience choice to take the good news of Jesus Christ and proclaim it to another with the intent of leading others to the Savior.

B. The Single Message for Evangelism

There is only one gospel message, and it is defined for us in the Word of God. I Corinthians 15:3-4 defines the gospel for us.

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1. _____

- a. His death was substitutionary – He took our place.
- b. His death was sufficient – His sacrifice appeased God’s wrath for sin.

2. _____

- a. His burial was proof of His death.

Isaiah 53:9 *“And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.”*

Matthew 12:40 *“For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”*

3. _____

The Lord’s resurrection is the main subject of the New Testament penman! He was... *“was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.” Romans 4:25*

Because He is alive, He is able to save to the uttermost. (**Hebrews 7:25**).
Because He is alive, He is our Advocate with the Father. (**1 John 2:1**).
Because He is alive, He will one day literally and physically return for us!
(**Acts 1:11**)

The gospel message includes the Lord's death, His burial, and His resurrection. There is no other gospel message. (**Galatians 1:6-9; John 14:6**)

Is Personal Evangelism For Me?

The answer is Yes!

- A. Christians **should desire to tell others** about the Lord.
- B. Christians **are commanded to tell others** about the Lord.

We are **commanded** to go and tell the lost and dying world about Christ! In the Bible, five different passages record this command.

Matthew –

Mark –

Luke –

John –

Acts -

- C. Christians are **qualified** to tell others about the Lord.

In **I Corinthians 15**, Paul plainly states that He delivered first of all **that which He** _____. In other words, if you are saved, you are qualified to be a witness.

What If I Am Asked A Question I Do Not Know?

We are not commanded to be Theologians, but we are commanded to be a witness. There are questions we cannot answer, and some questions have no answer. Our primary mission is not to explain the entire Bible but rather preach the gospel.

Consider the biblical principle found in I Corinthians 2:14.

What If I Mess It Up?

The only way a Christian can mess up is by disobedience! We are simply commanded to **go** and **tell**. When presenting the gospel to a lost and dying world, all we have to do is follow the simple instructions that God gives us.