

Evangelism in the Light of Eternity  
Ezek 3:17-19 / 2 Cor 5:11, 14, 20

Introduction:

“Soulwinning is the chief business of the Christian minister; indeed, it should be the main pursuit of every true believer.” (C.H. Spurgeon, *The Soul Winner*)

“Every man here, every woman here, every child whose heart is right with God, may be a soul-winner.” (C.H. Spurgeon, *The Soul Winner*)

I. Defining Evangelism

a. Meaning of Evangelism

evangel (euaggelion) – good news

“How, then, should evangelism be defined? The New Testament answer is very simple. According to the New Testament, evangelism is just preaching the gospel, the evangel. It is a work of communication in which Christians make themselves mouthpieces for God’s message of mercy to sinners.” (J.I. Packer, *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*, 43)

“Evangelism is teaching the gospel with the aim to persuade.” (J. Mack Stiles, *Evangelism*, 26)

b. Biblical Basis for Evangelism

Matt 28:18-20 – Command of our Lord Jesus as he sends his people to the world  
Jn 17:14-23

Rom 10:14-17 – Hearing the Word from a Preacher  
1 Thess 1:4-10

Eph 4:11 – Office of an Evangelist

2 Tim 4:5 – Called to do the work of Evangelism

II. Conviction to Evangelize (Ezek 3:17-19)

a. Warning for the Prophet

b. Warning for the People of God

### III. Compelled to Evangelize (2 Cor 5)

a. Compelled by the Fear of the Lord (2 Cor 5:11)

b. Compelled by the Love of the Lord (2 Cor 5:14)

c. Compelled by the Call of the Lord (2 Cor 5:20)

Evangelism is not an imposition of our ideas upon others. It is not merely personal testimony. It is not merely social action. It may not involve apologetics, and it is not the same thing as the results of evangelism. Evangelism is telling people the wonderful truth about God, the great news about Jesus Christ. When we understand this, then obedience to the call to evangelize can become certain and joyful. Understanding this increases evangelism as it moves from being a guilt-driven burden to a joyful privilege.” (Mark Dever, *The Gospel and Personal Evangelism*, 82)