

WE MUST EVANGELIZE AND GROW WHILE REMAINING UNIFIED

What do we learn from Jesus about evangelism in Matthew 10? _____

What do we learn about evangelism from Mark 5:1-20 _____

What did Jesus teach His disciples to do in Mt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16; Lk. 24:46-47? _____

Does The Great Commission apply to us? _____

A BRIEF LOOK AT THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

What does Jesus tell His disciples in Acts 1:8? _____

When is the first time we see The Great Commission being carried out? _____

From Acts 2:38ff, how did Jesus' disciples, who were being guided by the Holy Spirit, proclaim The Great Commission compared to what Jesus told them to do?

What do we learn about evangelism from Acts 3 and 4? _____

With the attitude we saw in Acts 3 and 4, notice how the church grew throughout the Book of Acts: Acts 4:4; 5:14; 6:1,7; 12:24; 16:5; 19:20; 21:20. What you will notice is that God's Word is the foundation for all this growth.

What key event caused the Word of God to spread to the other areas Jesus spoke about in Acts 1:8, and what does it teach us about evangelism? (Acts 7:54-8:3)

Eight things that helped the church grow in the Book of Acts:

1. They prayed (Acts 2:42; 4:23ff; 16:25).
2. They had the same desire to spread the good news (Acts 2:42-46).
3. They were a courageous church as they did not compromise the truth (Acts 4:19-20).
4. They were a caring church as they cared for each other and for those that were lost (Acts 4:32-37; 6:1-7; 9:36-39).
5. They practiced discipline so others would know that unrighteous behavior would not be tolerated (Acts 5:1-11).
6. They were actively involved in teaching the Gospel to the lost (Acts 5:42).
7. Teaching the lost was not just done by a few apostles, elders or ministers, it was also done by the people of the church (Acts 8:3-4).
8. These Christians had great zeal and enthusiasm for teaching the good news.

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In the first part of our lesson, we talked about the importance of evangelizing. However, when we evangelize, we must make sure we do it in a way that will keep us unified. This unity must not be based on what we feel is right. No, it must be based on God's Word if we want to be pleasing to Him.

What do the following verses teach us about being unified?

Acts 8:4 _____

Acts 17:2-3 _____

Acts 20:27 _____

1 Cor. 3:11 _____

1 Cor. 4:6 _____

2 Tim. 2:2 _____

2 Tim. 4:1ff _____

Keep the Unity of the Spirit

Read Ephesians 4:1-6 _____

What does Paul teach us in Phil. 1:27? _____

What will help us have the right attitude about keeping the unity of the Spirit according to Phil. 2:1-18?

What does James say can cause confusion for those who are trying to be unified by God's Word (James 3:16)?

What do we learn from the following verses:

Proverbs 6:19 _____

Galatians 1:9 _____

1 Corinthians 1:10-13 _____

2 Thess. 1:7-9 _____

What did Jesus pray for in John 17? _____

Here are some suggestions on how to help maintain the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace:

1. Have sound preachers with strong convictions about unity based on God's Word and not man's heart.
2. Have elders who are informed and love the church enough to protect it against the false way.
3. Have teachers who love the Lord and are willing to teach the whole counsel of God even when it is not popular in our society.
4. Keep the church motivated to follow the pattern found in the New Testament and to never compromise that pattern.

*As David said: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing -- Life forevermore - **Psalm 133:1-3***

Additional notes: _____

