

Work of the Evangelist

2 Tim. 4:1-5

The Evangelist

- Do the Work of an Evangelist – 2 Tim. 4:5
- They worked with N.T. churches – Eph. 4:11-16
- God provided Evangelists to build up body
- Three N.T. books devoted to Evangelist's work
 - 1 Timothy
 - 2 Timothy
 - Titus
- Incorrectly called pastoral epistles

Unscriptural Terms Used of Evangelist

- Pastor – Not a preacher
 - Pastor, elder, Presbyter synonyms of Overseer
 - Pastor has to do with pastoral work, feeding sheep
 - Pastor and evangelist different works – Eph 4:11
 - Evangelists might serve as an elder , Peter – 1 Pet. 5:1
 - He is not *the pastor* to oversee church – Ax 20:28
 - Denominational concept is sometimes in the church
 - Does all Visitation for the church
 - Does all Personal work for the church
 - Does all Teaching for the church
 - Does all Preaching for the church – Acts 8:4

Unscriptural Terms Used of Evangelist

- Reverend
 - Such titles establish clergy/laity class distinctions
 - Class distinction unknown in N.T.
 - 1 Cor. 3:5-8 – Preachers just servants, nothing else
 - Evangelist is just one of the church not special
 - Just an ordinary person with an extraordinary work
 - Do not act that way in front of the preacher concept

Unscriptural Terms Used of Evangelist

- Reverend
 - Never used as a title but as term of respect
 - Hebrew word *yare* (yaw-ray) used in O.T.
 - Strong's Enhanced Lexicon defines it
 - To fear, revere, be afraid
 - To honor, respect, awe
 - Ps. 111:9 – Holy and reverend (awesome NKJV)
 - Not just used of God
 - Lev. 19:3 – Parents are to be revered by children
 - Josh. 4:14 – Joshua and Moses were feared, revered

Unscriptural Terms Used of Evangelist

- Father
 - Jesus taught against use of such as titles
 - It created artificial class distinction unknown N.T.
 - Mt. 23:8-12 – religious titles condemned
 - Father, Rabbi, Teacher, Master, Leader
 - 1 Cor. 4:15 – Relationally Paul was a father to Cor.
 - 1 Tim. 1:2 – Paul's son in the faith
 - Yet, titles were rejected by the Lord and apostles

Scriptural Terms Used of Evangelist

- Sometimes Christians use Scriptural terms as titles
 - The Preacher – Messenger
 - Some use it as term of endearment, Hi preacher man
 - Preacher describes work done, preaching
 - Not to be used as a title of distinction
 - The Minister – Worker, Servant
 - A church which sees preacher as The Minister is dying
 - We are all servants of the Lord – 1 Pet. 4:10
 - Some see the preacher as *The Minister, a title*
 - The Evangelist – Herald of Good Tidings
 - Not used as a title though it could be so used
 - Descriptive of the work

Scriptural Terms Used

- Evangelist – [yoo·ang·ghel·is·tace]
 - Used three times in N.T.
 - Acts 21:8 – Philip the evangelist
 - Eph. 4:11 – God gave some apostles, prophets, evangelists
 - 2 Tim. 4:5 – Do the work of an evangelist
 - Denominational concept
 - Evangelist is one who travels around preaching
 - Preacher is fixed in one location
 - That distinction is not found in the N.T. nor in the words

Scriptural Terms Used

- **Evangelist** – [yoo·ang·ghel·is·tace]
 - Definition
 - Bringer of good tidings
 - N.T. heralds of salvation
 - Form of word [euaggelizo /yoo·ang·ghel·id·zo/] Gospel
 - A herald of the gospel or good news



Scriptural Terms Used

- Preacher - [kerusso /kay·roos·so/] Preach
 - Translated as preach, publish, proclaim
 - To be a herald, to proclaim as a herald, to publish
 - To publically publish or proclaim
 - Always with formality, gravity, and authority
 - Which must be listened to and obeyed
 - 2 Tim. 4:2 - Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Scriptural Terms Used

- Minister - [diakonos /dee·ak·on·os/]
 - A general term for servant
 - Strong's Enhanced Lexicon
 - One who executes the commands of another, esp. a master
 - A servant, attendant, minister, deacon
 - Used as a servant of the church (deacon)
 - Phil 1:1 – To the saints with bishops and deacons
 - 1 Tim. 3:8-13 – With qualifications to serve
 - Acts 6:1-4 – Work given
 - Used as a servant of the Lord to preach
 - 1 Tim. 4:6 – Be a good servant of Jesus Christ
 - 2 Tim. 4:5 – Special work of preaching the gospel

The Evangelist's Work

1. Preach the word – Implied in Scriptural term
 - 2 Tim. 4:1-5 – Our text gives main work Preach
 - Rom. 10:14-15 – Especially the gospel of Christ
 - Acts 8:35 – As Philip the Evangelist did
2. Warn and Remind brethren of responsibilities
 - 1 Tim. 2:1-12 – In prayer, modesty, role of men and women, etc...
 - Warn against sin as prophets did to Israel Ezek. 3:17

The Evangelist's Work

3. Reprove them that sin – Text (2 Tim. 4:1-5)

– 1 Tim. 5:19-21 – Even an elder with evidence

- Must be at the mouth of two or three witnesses
- Better have your facts before you charge and elder
- First entreat elders as fathers Vs. 1
- Then, them that sin rebuke before all Vs. 19
- Why? That the rest may fear..... WOW!!!

– 1 Tim. 1:3-5 – Teach not to teach strange doctrine

- At times this must be done to maintain peace/unity
- Godly will accept the instruction – Tit. 1:13-15a
- Ungodly will be disobedient – Tit. 1:15b-16

The Evangelist's Work

4. Be Watchful in all things – 2 Tim. 4:5-6

- Must wisely look for relevant lessons to preach
- Some will be warnings to avoid or corrections to make
- Some will be exhortation to greater godliness
- Some will be teachings that have been neglected

5. Set in order what is lacking – Tit. 1:5

- Appoints elders – Tit. 1:5
- Identify and withstand false doctrine – Tit. 1:10-13
- Stop the mouths of insubordinate and deceivers
- Rebuke sharply that they may be sound in faith
- Love for the church and souls of men demand it

What The Evangelist's Work Is Not:

1. Not to do work of an elders, deacons
 - He has enough to do doing his own work
 - Should devote himself to the evangelist's work
2. Not do the work for the church
 - He is not the official greeter of visitors
 - He does not do church's personal work or benevolence
 - Not to get a program of work going, not spark plug
 - Not a PR person to get the church on the map

The Evangelist's Work Is Not

3. Not Run the church (Pastor system)

- Solve all problems in church
- He is not the leader of the group w/o elders
- He is not the leader, elders are spiritual leaders

4. Not Be Above Membership

- Just a servant through whom you believed 1 Cor. 3:5-7
- Not to think above what is written 1 Cor. 4:6

5. Not an Entertainer

- Some come to be entertained Ezek. 33:30-33
- Some come to hear good things Is. 30:9-10
- Not to tickle the ears of audience 2 Tim. 4:3-5

Summary – Work of Evangelist

- He is to preach the gospel
- Reminds brethren of their responsibility
- Reproves them that sin, even elders
- Be watchful in all things
- Set in order what is lacking, appoint elders
- Set an example for the brethren
- Be devoted to God's word

What is the Message of the Evangelist for Salvation?

- Hear the gospel – Rom. 10:17
- Believe the words of God
- Repentance leading to life – Acts 11:18
- Confess with the mouth Jesus – Rom. 10:9-10
- Baptism – Acts 2:38
- Faithful unto death – Rev. 2:10