

A RATIONALE FOR EVANGELISM

(Romans 10:15)

- I. The NECESSITY of Evangelism
 - A. The human plight is DESPERATE (3:10-23)
 1. All humans are GUILTY
 2. All humans are SINFUL
 3. All humans are WITHOUT EXCUSE
 - B. To be SAVED, they must call on the name of the LORD (10:13)
 - C. To do this, they must HEAR the GOOD NEWS (10:14)

- II. The TARGET of Evangelism
 - A. There is only one MEANS of salvation for MANKIND (5:1-2)
 - B. All NATIONS, including ISRAEL, must hear the gospel (1:5; 11:23; 16:26)

- III. The MOTIVE for Evangelism
 - A. Arises from the LOVE and LONGING of the heart (9:1; 10:1)
 1. Anguish over the CONDITION of the lost
 2. Longing that they might be SAVED
 - B. Responds to the COMMAND of the LORD (Matt. 28:18-20)
 - C. Desires the GLORY of GOD (11:36)

- IV. The MESSAGE of Evangelism
 - A. EVERY person is a sinner CONDEMNED by God their Maker (1:18-20)
 - B. God sent His Son in the person of JESUS (10:9*a*)
 - C. Jesus DIED in our place and ROSE from the dead (10:9*b*)
 - D. Forgiveness and salvation are available through simple FAITH (10:13)

- V. The PROGRAM of Evangelism
 - A. ALL believers are responsible for sharing the TRUTH (Matt. 28:18-20)
 - B. Some are specifically GIFTED and CALLED to be evangelists (Eph. 4:11)
 - C. The church must CONFIRM, COMMISSION, AUTHORIZE, and SUPPORT those who give their lives to evangelism (Acts 13:1-3)

- VI. The PRODUCT of Evangelism
 - A. Brings BLESSING to those who BELIEVE (8:29-30)
 - B. Arouses ENVY in others who SHOULD believe (10:19; 11:11, 14)

- VII. The CONFIDENCE for Evangelism
 - A. Employs PRAYER and PREACHING (10:1, 14-15)
 - B. Requires the Word of God as the appointed MEANS of INSTILLING faith (10:17)
 - C. SUCCESSFUL only on the basis of God's ELECTION (8:28-30; 9:11)

- VIII. The OBJECT of Evangelism
 - A. Inducts converts into the PEOPLE of GOD (11:17-24)
 - B. Brings GLORY to GOD (9:17, 22-23; 11:30-36)
 - 1. Displays His POWER
 - 2. Proclaims His NAME
 - 3. Makes known the RICHES of His GLORY
 - 4. Reveals His MERCY