

Essentials for Witnessing

Text: Romans 1:16; 10:13-15

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I. THE GOSPEL MESSAGE IS ESSENTIAL FOR WITNESSING (Rom. 1:16)

- A. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation.
- B. The gospel is the infinite resource of God that is applied to the salvation of the soul.
- C. People cannot be saved apart from hearing the gospel message.
- D. People cannot have faith without hearing the word of God (v. 17 – “so then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”)
- E. The world cannot hear the gospel unless someone shares it.

II. THE GOSPEL MESSENGER IS ESSENTIAL FOR WITNESSING (Rom. 10:13-21)

- A. The questions (v. 14-15)
 - 1) How then shall they (the lost) call on Him (Christ) whom they (the lost) have not believed?
 - 2) How can they believe in him of whom they have never heard?
 - 3) How shall they hear without a preacher?
 - 4) How shall they preach, except they be sent?
 - 5) God calls and sends preachers and witnesses. God commissions, qualifies, and instructs people to proclaim His message (*John. 15:16; 20:21*)
 - 6) All believers are commanded to go and proclaim the gospel (*Matt. 28:18-20*)
- B. In conclusion, not everyone who hears the gospel will welcome the gospel (v. 16:21)
 - 1) The fact that many will not receive the message should not deter or defeat us.
 - 2) Will you obey the Lord in going and sharing the Good News of the gospel?
 - 3) *Isaiah 6:1-8*