

# The Bulletin

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### **“Preaching And Teaching”**

By Ronny E. Hinds



Nothing is more prominent to the "one faith" (Ephesians 4:5) than its evangelistic nature. If you look carefully at the word evangelistic you will see the word "angel." The "ev" is a prefix meaning "good" or "blessing." Angels are God's messengers with a message of good news.

Remember the shepherds at Jesus' birth? The angel told them *"Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people"* (Luke 2:10). So, evangelism involves a messenger with a good news, joyous message.

In the Bible, the idea of evangelism is taught through the English words "preach" and "preach the gospel." Interestingly, these two English ideas are translated from the same New Testament Greek word: "euangelizo."

(Note the spelling and you can see why evangelism is spelled as it is.) In Luke 4:43, Jesus says, *"I must preach the kingdom of God..."* Luke 9:6 records the apostles as going *"through the towns, preaching the gospel..."* After the church's establishment it is said, *"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ"* (Acts 5:42). Each of these verses describes evangelism.

We must not overlook the idea that the message of preaching is a "good" message - a message that benefits and blesses those who receive it. The English language uses the word "gospel" to describe this idea. In the New Testament Greek language there is not a separate word for "gospel."

It is inherent in the word "preaching." This means that true preaching (the only kind that Jesus and the New Testament approves), requires the message of the gospel. Paul briefly summarizes that message in this way: *"Moreover ...I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you...by which...you are saved... For I delivered to you...that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ...and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures..."* (1 Corinthians 15:1-5).

Another Greek word, "kerusso," which is used often in the New Testament, means simply "to preach, herald, proclaim, publish." It usually appears by itself without the word gospel. When gospel does appear with it, the word previously discussed, "euangelion," is used. So, "kerusso" puts emphasis on what is being done rather than the content of the message.

It is in this context that we look at the word "teach." It too puts emphasis on what is being done, not the message. It means: "to instruct, train, inform." In Matthew 4:23 we see all these words used to describe Jesus' activity. "And Jesus went about... teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom..."

The purpose of Luke's account of Jesus' life is *"that you many know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed"* (Luke 1:4). Acts 11:26 informs us, *"...that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch."*

We do not become a disciple, a Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ by any automatic process. It has nothing to do with the country or family in which we were born. The only way we can become a follower of Jesus is by being TAUGHT the GOSPEL of Jesus. The word disciple means "a learner." It is closely related to the word "discipline."

Discipline involves training and training involves teaching. We can either teach ourselves or someone else can, but it still requires teaching.

The sobering truth is that none of us will go to heaven without learning and obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15-16; 1 Corinthians 15:1ff.; 2 Thessalonians 1:8). That requires preaching and teaching. There is no exception. It is true for me, for you and everyone.

So, how receptive are we to being taught the gospel? What effort are we making to be taught the gospel? Are we sure it is the gospel that we are learning? Then, are we obeying what we are learning? AND, what about others?

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you..."* (Matthew 28:19-20).

# Gospel Meeting

At The Meeks Street Church Of Christ  
October 22nd—25th  
With brother Tim Henderson  
Sunday Morning at 9:00 (22nd).  
Monday—Wednesday 7:00 PM Nightly  
(23rd-25th).

## "Willing"

By Cecil Douthitt

### 1. Some are willing to serve evil.

This was true of one of our Lord's apostles. *"Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, 'What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?' And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him"* (Matt. 26:14-16). I don't think Judas started out to betray his Master, but evil grows in the heart. Judas had been a thief before this for some time (John 12:6). Let us guard our hearts carefully.

### 2. Christians must be willing to follow the spirit and not the flesh.

*"Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak"* (Matt. 26:41). There is a conflict or battle in each of us. *"I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish"* (Galatians 5:16-17). It is not always easy to do right, but it is very important that we do.

### 3. Christians must be willing to share.

*"Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share"* (1 Tim. 6:18). This verse is written to the rich in this age (v. 17). I think all of us qualify, don't you? We cannot be selfish. To be selfish is to be covetous. A covetous person will not inherit the kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:10).

### 4. We must have a heart willing to yield to God.

*"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy"* (James 3:17). We must yield, give up self and yield to the wisdom of God as we learn it from our Bibles. This yielding to God must be from the heart and not hypocrisy.

### 5. God is not willing that any perish.

*"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance"* (2 Peter 3:9). Does this verse say all will be saved? No, but that God wants all people to come to Him and serve Him. We must live holy lives and godly lives (v. 11).

**News and Notes:**

Sick and recovering: Tim Harris Sr, Tim Harris Jr, Daniel Holloway, Debbie Keplinger, Robbie, Sheila, Sherry Doles, Sandi Poole, Nathan Cox, Sandra Oliver, Chad Harris, Eli Johnson, Burt Ward, Jamie Jones, Fred Johnson, Mary Ann Holley, Larsen Plyler, Willis Fields (Brandi Meade's Dad), and Sam Kennemur (Upcoming surgery November 6th).

Conner Whittemore was diagnosed with Covid last week.

Robbie Doles And Marsha Briggs both had surgeries last week and are recovering.

North East Church of Christ's Gospel Meeting starts today, October 1st—6th.

Southside Houston Church of Christ's Gospel Meeting, starts today October 1st—6th.

**Those Who Serve:**

**Sunday Morning 9:00 A.M. Service:**

**Opening Prayer:** Danny Sheffield  
**Preaching:** Brian Meade  
**Sermon #1:** "No One Is Perfect"

**Auditorium Bible Class: 9:35am:**

**Workbook:** 1 & 2 Thessalonians  
**Author:** Mark Mayberry  
**Starting Page & Question:** Page #48, Question #1

**Sunday Morning 10:30 A.M. Service:**

**Announcements:** Jerry Kennemur  
**Opening Prayer & Scripture Reading:** Adam Harris  
**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 84:10-12  
**Song Leader:** Paul Busby  
**Lord's Supper:** Doug George  
**Assisting:** — —  
**Preaching:** Brian Meade  
**Sermon #2:** "Door-Keeping At The House Of God"  
**Closing Prayer:** Tim Harris Jr.

**Wednesday Evening: 7:00 P.M.**

**October 4, 2023**

**Auditorium Bible Class:** Paul Johnson  
**Workbook:** Preparing To Teach Our Neighbors  
**Author:** Max Tice  
**Starting Page & Question:** Page #32, Question #1 True or False  
**Invitation:** Paul Busby  
**Song Leader:** Tim Harris Sr.  
**Closing Prayer:** Nathan Meade

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# **“No One Is Perfect”**

Lesson Text: **Hebrews 7:11.**

This Statement Has Been Made As:

## **I. An Obvious Truth.**

- **Romans 3:23**, Sin Is Described As *“Missing the mark.”*
- No One Could Keep The Law Perfectly- **Romans 3:20-22.**
- **Romans 5:20-21; Romans 7:7-13.**
- God Knows Our Weaknesses- **Hebrews 4:15.**
- But Only Jesus Lived A Perfect Life Of Obedience:
  - **2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 21-23.**
  - He Kept The Law Of Moses Perfectly- **John 1:29; Leviticus 22:21-22; John 8:46.**
  - He Was A Perfect Son- **Luke 2:39-40; 51-52.**
  - Why Jesus Is Worthy! **Revelation 5:1-14.**

## **II. An Explanation For Failure.**

- As Great Men Of Faith Have Sinned:
  - Moses- **Numbers 20:10-12.**
  - David- **2 Samuel 11; 2 Samuel 24:10.**
  - Peter- **Matthew 26:69-75.**
  - Paul- **Romans 7:19-24.**
- Sinless Perfection Requires Perfect Ability, Will, And Completion- **Matthew 26:37-43.**
- How Many Things In Life Are Actually Perfect?
  - Perfect Athlete?
  - Perfect Task Completion? Worker?
  - Perfect Husband, Wife, Son Or Daughter?
  - Perfect Christian?? **2 Timothy 3:16-17.**
- This Demonstrates The Utter Futility Of Justification By Perfect Law Keeping Today!
- But We Must Strive For The Goal Of Perfection- **Colossians 1:28; Ephesians 4:13; Matthew 5:48; James 3:2.**
- Sinless Or Blameless? **Genesis 6:9; Job 1:1; Psalm 101:2; Luke 1:6; 1 Tim. 5:7; 6:14.**

## **III. To See The Need For Grace, Mercy, & Forgiveness.**

- Why? Because Some Don't See The Need They Have- **Luke 7:36-47; 18:9-14.**
- God Knows Our Need For Him- **1 John 1:7-10; Acts 8:18-24.**
- Christians Aren't Perfect, But Are Forgiven.

## **IV. An Excuse For Sinning.**

- “Nobody's Perfect.” Then That Seems To Justify Unrepentant Sin In Our Lives.
- Some Will Say, “Perfect Law-Keeping Is Impossible, Therefore It Doesn't Matter.
- **Romans 6:1-3; James 1:26; 2 Peter 3:14.**

## **V. Why Christ Went To The Cross.**

- **Romans 5:6-8.**
- Christ Did Everything In View Of Our Salvation.

# **“Door-keeping At The House Of God”**

Lesson Text: **Psalm 84:10.**

## **I. Who Were The Door Keepers?**

- Samuel Was A Door/Gate Keeper- **1 Samuel 3:15.**
- Door Keepers And Their Work- **1 Chronicles 9:17-27.**
- **1 Chronicles 9:26; Nehemiah 12:25.** They Kept The Treasures Of The Lord’s House.
- **2 Chronicles 23:19.** They Guarded Against Unclean Persons Entering House Of God.
- Door Keepers Were Also Musicians **2 Chronicles 20:19-** Sons of Korah & Kohath.

## **II. This Desire Shows Humility In Service.**

- Door-Keeping Was A Lowly Job; Like A Security Guard For People In A Building.
- Serving Others Would Be The Main Focus— What God Wants!
- **Luke 9:46-48; John 13:1-17; Matthew 10:42.**
- **Luke 17:10.**

## **IV. This Desire Shows Preference In Priority Of Purpose.**

- **Psalm 84:1-4.**
- There’s A Lot Of Places People Prefer To Be:
  - Fishing, Boating, Recreating....
  - Being Somewhere Exotic On Vacation.
  - Tickets To The Super Bowl....
- **Psalm 23:5-6.**
- **Psalm 27:4.**
- **Psalm 122:1.**
- It Is Because:
  - God’s Presence Is Here. **Psalm 89:7.**
  - Where Worship And Reverence For God Is Demonstrated. **Psalm 29:1-2; 89:7.**
  - Where God’s People Come Together And Fellowship. **Psalm 111:1.**
- Time Well-Spent- In All Things Spiritual.
- Today, What We Do In The Church Should Mean To Us Like **Psalm 84:10.**
- If Our Heart Is Right With God- **Mark 12:30; Matthew 6:33-** Church Is Never Boring.

## **V. This Desire Shows A Choosing Of Good Over Evil.**

- **Psalm 84:10-12.**
- The Psalmist Sees The Blessings Outweigh The Price Of Wickedness!
- That’s What Preachers And Teachers Show By The Scriptures- **Romans 6:23.**
- Even Jesus Made The Appeal To Choose Wisely- **Mark 9:43-48.**

## **VI. The Rewards For This.**

- God blesses Us Now- **James 1:25.**
- God Rewards Us In Eternity- **Revelation 22:14-15.**