

“A Christian’s Responsibility to the Gospel” *John 4:5-35*

Open:

- Jesus was our example. He used every opportunity as a witnessing opportunity. **John 4:6-26**
 - Jesus often used a carnal need to expose a spiritual need.
 - In this story He used water.
 - Sometimes He used a person’s physical ailment. – Blind, Lame, Sick...
 - Sometimes He used a person’s physical appetite. – Disciples (meat) and the hungry 5,000.
 - Jesus used His meeting of a physical need as an opportunity to meet the spiritual need. You and I need to look for people to help so we can open a door for witnessing. **Acts 3:1-10**
- Jesus taught us our responsibility. **John 4:27-35**
 - Jesus wanted the disciples to recognize that the calendar said the harvest time was still 4 months away.
 - Jesus wanted the disciples to understand that harvesting souls is not done according to the calendar, but according to the need.
 - We are not to just be concerned about someone’s soul on Saturday & Sunday, we are to be concerned 24 days a week 365 ¼ days a year.

Tran: What is the Gospel?

- **I Cor. 15:1a, 3b-4** “Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you...[3] ...how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; [4] And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:”
 - The death, the burial, & the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

I. My responsibility to make sure I am saved.

- A. NO one else can get saved for me. Every time a person got saved in the Bible, we find it was a personal decision, not a group effort. **Rom. 10:9** “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”
- B. NO one else can give me the assurance that I am saved. I am not to rely on someone else telling me that I am saved, I must be personally assured of my salvation. **Heb. 10:22-23** “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. [23] Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering;”
- C. It is my responsibility to obey what God has said.
 1. **Matt. 5:20** “For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.”
 2. **Rom. 2:13** “For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.”

II. My responsibility to know what the Bible says about being saved.

A. Salvation by faith not by works.

1. **Gal. 2:16** *“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.”*
2. **Gal. 5:6** *“For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.”*

B. Salvation is permanent and everlasting.

1. **John 10:28** *“And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”*
2. **Rom. 8:38-39** *“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, [39] Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

C. Salvation is available to everyone, no matter what kind of life they have or are living. **II Peter 3:9** *“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”*

III. My responsibility to tell others what the Bible says about being saved.

A. Being a witness is a lifestyle that is lived, not an action that is performed

1. I am to be aware of peoples need of the gospel 24/7, not just on certain days or when someone is about to die.
2. I am to live my life looking for someone I can share the gospel with. **John 4:4** – Jesus put himself in a place where he knew there was a need.
3. Every person I talk to without giving them the gospel is a wasted opportunity.

B. I need to realize that if I do not tell others about what Jesus did, no one else will.

1. The Devil will not tell them.
2. The World will not tell them.
3. Selfish children of God will not tell them.

C. In the Bible, when someone was saved, God gave them a responsibility to tell those they came in contact with.

1. **Mark 5:18-20** *“And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. [19] Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. [20] And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.”*
2. **John 4:16** *“Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.”*
3. **Acts 3:7-11**

D. I need to have the same compassion for people that Jesus did while He was here on earth.

1. I must needs go to Samaria – **John 4:4**

2. Look to the fields – **John 4:35**

3. He wept over the city – **Lk. 19:41** “*And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,*”

4. Everywhere He went and everyone He talked to; He gave them the gospel. – **John 4:13**

Close:

- Are you saved? We do not want you to doubt, we want you to be assured of your eternity.
- Do you care enough about your friends and family to tell them about what God did for you?
- Your family, friends, and people you come in contact with want to know the truth.
 - **Acts 8:31** “*....how can I except some man should guide me...*”
 - **Rom. 10:14** “*How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*”
 - People are not calling because they are not believing
 - People are not believing because they are not hearing.
 - People are not hearing because we are not telling.

John 4:35

“Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.”