

THE GOSPEL ["GOOD NEWS"]

"If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, 'Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.' Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. For 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" – Romans 10:9-13, NLT

- We are saved from the **penalty** of sin
- We are saved from the **presence** of sin
- We are saved from the **power** of sin

THE GREAT DILEMMA

"But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent?" – Romans 10:14-15, NLT

- They **CAN'T**
- They **WON'T**

THE QUESTION

- Does it really **MATTER** to me if the people around me are saved?

EVANGELISM = OUR MANDATE

- The act of **COMMUNICATING** the Gospel
- The essence of evangelism is its **MESSAGE**
- All Christians are evangelists – **CALLED** and **SENT**

"If someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it." – 1 Peter 3:15, NLT

[Jesus] "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." – John 20:21, NLT

"We are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us." – 2 Corinthians 5:20, NLT

WE EVANGELIZE [i.e. "SHARE OUR FAITH"]

- Because we're **COMANDED** to

"For the Lord gave us this command when he said, 'I have made you a light to the Gentiles, to bring salvation to the farthest corners of the earth.'" – Acts 13:47, NLT

"And then he [Jesus] told them, 'Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.'" – Mark 16:15, NLT

- Because we're **COMPELLED** to

[Apostle Paul] "Preaching the Good News is not something I can boast about. I am compelled by God to do it. How terrible for me if I didn't preach the Good News!" – 1 Corinthians 9:16, (NLT)

"We know that a person is made right with God by faith in Jesus Christ." – Galatians 2:16, NLT