

Sunday, March 18, 2018—Grace Life School of Theology—*Ambassadorship 101*—Lesson 11 Mastering the Critical Issues of the Gospel

Introduction

- In the last lesson we looked at four primary reasons believers don't witness for Christ:
 - Spiritual Lethargy
 - Believing the Enemy's Lies
 - Lack of Know-How
 - Fear—is constant and cannot be eliminated, therefore it must be displaced by something else, something stronger. Fear can only be overcome through displacement.
- Formula for overcoming fear:
 - F—FAITH
 - In the Message
 - In the Messenger
 - E—EQUIPPING
 - A—ACTION
 - R—REASON—If you have a big enough reason you can do anything
- This morning I want to move into addressing lack of know-how and begin offering some equipping so that we can all be effective ambassadors.

Mastering the Three Critical Issues

- Learn these three great issues word perfect! They are the bedrock of the gospel. Knowing them thoroughly develops reserve power in our presentation.
- Man's Problem:
 - ALL MEN ARE SINNERS, AND SIN SEPRTES FROM GOD
 - Key Verses—Romans 3:10, 23, Ecclesiastes 7:20
 - The essence of sin:
 - Demanding our own way: ME FRIST (autonomy)
 - Defying the will of God: Stay out of my life (rebellion)
 - Driven by selfishness to do the wrong thing (unrighteousness)
 - Bridge: Sin carries a fearful consequence
 - *The penalty of sin is death*
 - Key Verses: Romans 6:23, Ezekiel 18:4, Ephesians 2:1, Revelation 21:8
 - Death means separation:
 - Physical death: Separation of soul and body.

- Spiritual death: Separation of my spirit for God's Spirit
 - Second death: Separation forever from the presence of God in the Lake of Fire.
- Bridge: That's the bad news—the good news is that Romans 6:23 has another part to it.