

Sunday, March 25, 2018—Grace Life School of Theology—*Ambassadorship 101*—Lesson 11 Mastering the Critical Issues of the Gospel, Part 2

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.
- God's Solution:
 - CALVARY IS GOD'S ONLY SOLUTION FOR MAN'S SIN
 - We are not saved by our performance but by Christ's sacrifice. Men have so many false hopes which are rooted in performance.
 - Calvary is God's only provision. The work of Christ cannot be mixed with religious rites and moral obligations.
 - The saving work of Christ is finished. Because we do not await the outcome of any contingencies we can have peace with God today.
 - *Jesus Christ died on Calvary to pay the penalty for man's sins*
 - Key Verses: Romans 5:8, 4:24-25, 6:23b
 - Key Concept: Christ is our substitute and full payment for sin
 - Illustration: Book of sins placed on Christ, Free gift is already paid for, Hand them something and ask when and how did you receive that.
 - Bridge: How would you reach out and take the gift of eternal life?
- Our Responsibility: Exercising Saving Faith
 - CLAIMING BY PERSONAL CHOICE AND RELYING EXCLUSIVELY UPON CHRIST'S WORK ON THE CROSS TO BE THE SUFFICIENT PAYMENT FOR MY SIN!
 - Choice: A person's will is involved. The gift of eternal life is available to anyone who will claim for his or herself.
 - Trust: Relying exclusively upon. Salvation is ours as we recline in or sit down in the promise of God.
 - *We must receive the gift of eternal life by exercising saving faith*
 - Key Verses: Romans 4:4-5, 4:20-21, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:17
- Key Concept: Personal choice and trust.