

it with perseverance."

For those who are not saved there is no hope to hold to for an anchor of the soul; for without hope those who are lost have nothing to look forward to. The opposite is said about those who are saved. They have put their faith and trust and most of all their hope in God and His Son Jesus Christ. They know that when they pass away from this world they will be reunited with their Lord and Savior in Heaven to be with God for eternity; that is their hope. But for the lost, when they pass away from this world their destiny will be the grave and a fiery judgment for not believing the words spoken by God's only Son. They have no hope; only despair and eternal pain. (II Thess. 1:7-9). Acts 24:15 states *"I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust."* And in Proverbs 14:32 it says *"The wicked is banished in his wickedness, But the righteous has a refuge in his death."*

So back to our main questions, "Why do we as Christians preach the necessity for the gospel?" Without us, as Christians, preaching the good news to a world lost in sin there will be lost souls. Most of all, without the preaching of the gospel there will be no hope for those lost in sin. We preach Christ to a dying world because Jesus laid down His life for all mankind on the cross so we can have eternal life with Him in heaven. We preach Christ to testify that God is the Creator of

everything, it is not evolution. God is the Creator of mankind, the world and everything we see around us today. We preach Christ so that all know that there is no other way to be saved and to be a part of God's family; called a brother with Jesus Christ. We preach Christ who assures us of immortality. (John 14: 1-4; I Cor.15:20-58; Acts 24:15) The only way for us to have this hope is to accept and confess Jesus Christ as the Son of God, repent from our sinful ways, and be baptized for the remission of our sins. (Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-6) Then we must serve Christ and be faithful till death. We preach Christ because of the hope which is laid up for us in Heaven, of which we have heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel. (Col. 1:5) We today, as Christians, live in a world that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand. We live in a world that is seeking God in all the wrong places and in all the wrong ways. We cannot get to Heaven by being a "good-ole-boy" or by being a member of a certain church. The facts are "lost is lost" no matter what we try to water down. The only way a person can be saved is to trust and obey the words of God's very own Son. His words are in the Bible for all to read and for all to hear; therefore, we have no excuse. As Christians today, as in the days of Jesus, we are commanded to go and preach the gospel to the lost in this world as seen in Matthew 28:19-20. This is why we preach the gospel to all.

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Romans 10: 14-15: By Bill Davis

"How then shall they be sent? As it is written: call on Him in whom they have not believed? feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who lieve in Him of whom bring glad tidings of they have not heard? good things!" Have you ever been asked why we as Christians meet with the church to wor-

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-ship a God that we do not see or why we preach to those around us concerning Jesus who walked upon this earth over two thousand years ago? Have you been asked how one can be saved so that he can go to Heaven? have you ever been asked why Christians go about preaching, sometimes even to those who seem not to care what the Bible says about Heaven or Hell, or about how to know Jesus and be saved? When a person asks you these questions the best place to start is at the beginning in Genesis 3, which tells us of how sin entered into this world. Sin separates mankind from God as seen in **Isaiah 59:2**: *"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear."*

Ever since the garden of Eden until today, man has made the choice to sin. From the beginning, Satan has tempted mankind through the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. (I John 2:15-16) And from the beginning, mankind has rebelled against God when God has told man how to live righteously and how to worship his God. The Bible often says that our sin is

a type of transgression which means rebellion towards God Himself. In other words, it says we as mankind are setting ourselves against the will of God; just plain open contempt. The Bible also says that sin is called iniquity which means lawlessness or wickedness. Now lawlessness or wickedness is open rebellion toward God and His Son Jesus Christ who came down to us to teach us the way to Heaven. When we act wickedly or in rebellion toward God and His Son Jesus, we will pay the price of eternal destruction as seen in **Romans 1:18-32**. All of those who do lawlessness will fall under God's righteous judgment. **Romans 6:23** tells us that *"the wages of sin is death."* However, God's mercy, love, and grace toward us are seen through the sacrifice of Jesus upon the cross for our sins. Let us continue reading the rest of Romans 6:23, *"but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* God has provided a way in which we may be forgiven of our sins, in which we may have our relationship with God restored, and in which we may have hope of eternal life with Him.

The gospel is to all those lost souls in the world today. The gospel is for all.

Now when the Bible speaks about a lost soul it is referring to those who have not accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior; who have not yet put on Christ in baptism (Gal. 3:27). A good example of those who were lost spiritually in the time of Christ is the example of many of the Jews in the New Testament. Many of the Jews who saw and heard Jesus preach the very words of God and saw the many miracles refused to believe that Jesus Himself is the Son of God. Today we can read the Bible which is the very word of God that Jesus spoke and which was written down for us by inspired men moved by the Holy Spirit. Even now we have a cloud of witnesses before us on how to be saved. The book of Acts records many conversions of those who upon hearing the Word of God, believed and obeyed. We can know who God and His Son are, but many today will harden their hearts and refuse to believe. Today, much like yesterday, men are still looking for a sign for to believe and that is why there are a lot of souls lost in a world of sin. The Bible has many examples of those who refused to believe and they died in their sins in a lost condition. We read in Genesis 6 about Noah

and the flood; in which only eight souls were saved. In Genesis 18-19 we read of Sodom and Gomorrah. Indeed, Gen 18:32 lets us know that if even 10 righteous souls had been found, God would not have destroyed those cities. And we read in Exodus 32 about the golden calf where three thousand people died because of their rebellion toward God. Today, we may not worship a golden calf, but we can worship our own bodies, our homes or our money. We can worship the devil by hardening our hearts toward God and His Son who died for all mankind's sins. We must choose whether we want to be a friend of the world or a friend to God. (James 4:1-10). God invites us to draw near to Him. Another reason for the gospel is that without being part of God's family there is no hope for those who are lost in a world of sin. Now hope is a confident expectation of everlasting life.

As Christians, we have this hope that someday we will see our Lord and Savior that we long to see and be with. **Romans 8:24-25** says *"For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for*