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**“Evangelize- Who, When, Where, Why, and How?”**

**(Part II)**

In our last issue of TPT we briefly went over the “*Why* & *When*” to evangelize. In this issue we will take a specific look at the “*Who”* to evangelize-Sharing the Gospel)?

“And then He said unto them, Go into *all the world*, and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15 KJV (Emphasis supplied)

**What does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season**

 Preach the Gospel to every creature means all of creation, as in Matthew’s (Matt. 28:18-20) and John’s account (Rev. 14:6, 7) to every living being on the planet. Let’s begin with our *neighbors*.

 “A certain lawyer, tempting Him, asked Jesus what was required to inherit eternal life. Then Jesus asked the lawyer, what is written in the law? The layer replied, love the Lord God with all of your heart, with all of your soul, with all of your strength, and with all of your mind and your *neighbor* as thyself.” Jesus then said, do this and you shall live. The lawyer then asked, (tempting Jesus) who is our neighbor?” [[1]](#footnote-1)

 Neighbor: “A person who lives near another… A person or thing situated near another… *to bring near or into close association with*… *to have friendly relations; associate on friendly terms*… “ [[2]](#footnote-2) (Emphasis supplied).

 Neighbor: Gr. *Plesion*, Here the lawyer is quoting from Lev. 19:18, where “neighbor” apparently means “a fellow Israelite.” Jesus obviously extends the definition to include Samaritans, and thus non-Jews (Luke 10:36) [[3]](#footnote-3)

 Neighborhood Defined: “… A *community*, a *region*, *area*, or *territory*…” [[4]](#footnote-4) (Emphasis supplied).

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“… **Go out at once** into the street and lanes of the city and bring in here the *poor*, and the *crippled* and the *blind,* and the *lame*… And the master said the slave, Go into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to go in, that my house may be filled.”

 Luke 14:16-23 NASV (Emphasis supplied)

 It’s quite obvious to whom we are to share the Good News of the Gospel with-everyone that we come in contact with!

 The previously mentioned texts are based on one of Jesus’ parables concerning the heavenly garner (harvest) and salvation that comes only through Jesus. The self-righteous Pharisees (and Jews) who were first invited to the dinner made excuses why they couldn’t accept the invitation. They were purposely rejecting Jesus, and the gospel invitation. [[5]](#footnote-5)

 God’s “remnant people” are **called** to share the “Everlasting Gospel” with all ethnicities, social economic backgrounds, physically handicapped or not, without favoritism. We don’t decide who is worthy of salvation-Jesus Does!

**Now you know “Who” to evangelize**

1. Luke 10:25-29. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Webster’s New World Dictionary, (College Ed.), Cleveland & New York,

 The World Publishing Co., 1964, p. 983. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, Vol. 5, p. 782. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Webster’s New World Dictionary, p. 983. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Seventh-day Adventists Bible Commentary, Vol. 5, p. 808. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)