## Evangelizing the World John Crawford

## I. Introduction.

- A. The word evangel means a messenger and it is usually associated with good news. Our gospel is the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- II. What the gospel is. (1 Corinthians 15)
  - A. It is the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.
  - B. Christ died on the cross to save us from the penalty of sin:
    - Ephesians 1:7
    - 1 Peter 3:18
    - Hebrews 2:14-15
    - Romans 5:10
    - John 14:18
    - 1. Jesus taught that He is with us and He will be in us.
    - 2. It was necessary that Jesus leave so that the Holy Spirit could come and indwell the believer as Christ's representative.
    - 3. We have the Spirit of Christ if we trust in Christ. (Romans 5:10)
  - C. Christ died to save us from the power of sin now.
    - 1. He saved us to indwell us so that we might have the victory now. (Galatians 1:4)
    - 2. In our lifespan we struggle with evil. God saved us from this present evil world.
    - 3. The land of Canaan depicts the victorious Christian life. (Deuteronomy 6:23)
    - 4. God saved us for the victorious life. (Ephesians 1:4)
  - D. Christ died to ultimately save us from the presence of sin. (1 Peter 1:5)
- III. You cannot lose salvation. (John 5:24)
  - A. Salvation is a work of God by grace. (Titus 3:5)
  - B. No one given to Jesus shall perish. (John 10:27)
  - C. Our position in Christ is secure.
  - D. However, in our wills we can walk in disobedience. (Luke 22:31)

|                       | A. We get the power to evangelize through the Spirit.   |
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|                       | B. We get assurance through prayer.   |
|                       | C. We are a link in the chain of witnessing.  |
|                       | D. The strongest part of evangelism is the life we live.  |
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| Application questions |   |
|                       | 1. What are the three aspects of our salvation?   |
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|                       | 2. How can one defend the statement, one cannot lose his salvation?   |
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|                       | 3. What does it mean that we evangelize through our life? What is an example of how you can reach out to someone by how you live? |
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IV. We evangelize through our life. (1 Thessalonians 3:5)