

Introduction

1. Does the church spread the gospel?
2. Another important question is *why* does the church spread the gospel?

I. The Church Spreads the Gospel Because the World Needs Good News

1. The world is at war with God ([1 Jn. 2:15-17](#); [Jm. 4:4](#)).
 - a. This is bad news because it is not possible to overthrow God ([Ac. 5:38-39](#)).
 - b. This is bad news because God's wrath is serious ([Rev. 14:9-11](#)).
 - c. This is bad news because eternal death is real ([Rev. 20:10-15](#)).
 - d. The world must know where it stands in relation to God and so repentance must be preached ([Mk. 1:15](#)).
2. The gospel is good news ([Rm. 10:15](#)).
 - a. The gospel brings the good news that we can live forever ([2 Tim. 1:10](#); [1 Jn. 2:25](#), [5:11](#))!
 - b. A great summary of the gospel facts ([Ac. 10:34-43](#); cf. [1 Cor. 15:1-8](#)).

II. The Church Spreads the Gospel Because That is Her Work

1. Shortly before He went back into Heaven, Jesus commanded the spread of the gospel to his apostles ([Mt. 28:18-20](#); [Mk. 16:15-16](#); [Lk. 24:46-47](#); [Jn. 20:22-23](#)).
 - a. This command is regenerative so the church must do the same ([Mt. 28:20](#); [2 Tim. 2:1-2](#)).
 - b. The conditions of salvation must be taught in their entirety.
 - c. We should want as many people as possible to change to the winning side.
2. Our focus must be on Jesus and His focus was on seeking and saving the lost ([Lk. 19:10](#)).
 - a. Jesus taught and so must we ([Ac. 1:1](#)).
 - b. He called sinners to repent ([Mt. 9:13](#)).
3. We find the church active in spreading the gospel in the First Century.
 - a. It was a daily task ([Ac. 5:42](#)).
 - b. Persecution did not stop the spread of the gospel ([Ac. 8:1-4](#), [11:19-21](#)).

III. The Church Spreads the Gospel Because Her Life Depends Upon It

1. The life of the church depends upon her spreading the gospel.
 - a. A good army must be active in recruiting soldiers.
 - b. A population will die out without new births.
 - c. Eventually a congregation will die without new members.
2. Sometimes excuses are given for not spreading the gospel such as:
 - a. It is too awkward or embarrassing.
 - b. I might get rejected.
 - c. I am too busy.
 - d. I am afraid of persecution.
 - e. I might lose family or friends.
 - f. I could get killed.
 - g. No excuse will stand up in the day of judgment ([Lk. 14:16-24](#); [Rm. 1:20](#)).
3. Let us be sure to look for and make opportunities to spread the gospel each and every day!

Conclusion

1. The church spreads the gospel because the world needs good news.
 - a. Good news, we can live forever in Heaven with God!
 - b. Let us see people for what they can become, not what they are now.
2. The church spreads the gospel because that is her work.
 - a. Work for the night is coming ([Jn. 9:4](#)).
3. The church spreads the gospel because her life depends upon it.
 - a. Individually we are either growing or dying.
 - b. The same is true collectively.
 - c. So, grow ([2 Pt. 3:18](#))!