THE HEART FOR EVANGELISM

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1. **GOD HAS A HEART FOR EVANGELISM**

**THE FOLLOWING CLUSTER OF SCRIPTURES – I PLAN TO SIMPLY QUOTE THEM ONE AFTER ANOTHER WITH NO BREAKS OR MENTION OF THE REFERENCES**

**Genesis 1:1, 31 (ESV)** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth… **31** And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good…

**Genesis 3:1, 6 (ESV)** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” **6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food… she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

**Romans 5:12 (NLT)** When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

**Romans 6:23 (ESV)** For the wages of sin is death…

**Revelation 20:14 (ESV)** Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

**John 3:16 (ESV)** “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)** The Lord is… not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

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1. **JESUS HAS A HEART FOR EVANGELISM**

**Luke 19:10 (ESV)** For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

**John 10:28 (ESV)** I give them eternal life, and they will never perish…

**John 10:11 (ESV)** I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

**Philippians 2:5–8 (ESV)** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, **6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, **7** but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**John 15:13 (NLT)** There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

**Hebrews 12:2 (ESV)** looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross…

1. **THOSE IN HELL HAVE A HEART FOR EVANGELISM**

**Luke 16:19–31 (ESV)** “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day**. 20** And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, **21** who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. **22** The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, **23** and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. **24** And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ **25** But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. **26** And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ **27** And he said, ‘Then **I** beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— **28** for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ **29** But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ **30** And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ **31** He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’ ”

1. **DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR EVANGELISM?**

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**Matthew 10:5, 7-8 (NKJV**) These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying… **7** …as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ **8** Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

**Mark 16:15–16 (NKJV)** And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** He who believes and is baptized will be saved**;** but he who does not believe will be condemned.

**Matthew 28:19–20 (NKJV)** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations…

**Romans 5:5 (NKJV)** **…** the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

**Hebrews 10:24–25 (NKJV)** And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **25** not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Psalm 51:10–13 (NKJV)** Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. **11** Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. **12** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. **13** Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.