



Why do you believe what you believe?

CAN YOU EXPLAIN & DEFINE BIBLICALLY THE BELIEFS THAT YOU HOLD TO & LOCATE THEM IN THE BIBLE?

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EVANGLISM & WORLD MISSIONS

EVANGELIZE | 2097. euaggelizó

properly, proclaim "the good message" (good news). In the NT, [2097](#) (*euaggelizō*) refers to sharing the full Gospel of Christ – literally, "gospelizing" that announces the complete message of "the good news" (the Lord's glad tidings).

WORLD MISSIONS IS OUR WORDS FOR JESUS' COMMAND "TO ALL THE NATIONS"

ALL, the whole, every kind of
A multitude of individuals of the same nature or genus, THE HUMAN RACE, the inhabited earth

MISSION | 1248. diakonia

For the believer, [1248](#) /*diakonía* ("ministry") specifically refers to **Spirit-empowered service guided by faith** ([4102](#) /*pístis*, "the Lord's inbirthed persuasion").

**EVERYONE
Is A Disciple & a
Disciple Maker**

TO MAKE A DISCIPLE

Is to SHARE the Gospel FIRST

BOLDNESS
Should Be Our Prayer

& CONFLICT
Is Just A Part Of The Cost
As We Go To The Ends of The Earth
(Including your tiny little sphere)

WHAT WAS OUR COMMAND

JESUS SAID... Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age.” ~ **MATTHEW 28:19-20**

BUT HOW WILL THEY KNOW?

~ **ROMANS 10:14-17** But how will people call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how will they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher (messenger)? ¹⁵ And how will they preach unless they are commissioned *and* sent [for that purpose]? Just as it is written *and* forever remains written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!”

THE PEOPLE IN YOUR SPHERE REALLY MUST HEAR IT

¹⁶ But they did not all pay attention to the good news [of salvation]; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing [what is told], and what is heard comes by the [preaching of the] message concerning Christ.

WHAT DOES IT LOOKS LIKE

PAUL SAID... ¹⁹ with the power of signs and wonders, [and all of it] in the power of the Spirit. So [starting] from Jerusalem and as far away as Illyricum (el lue rre kon), I have fully preached the gospel [faithfully preaching the good news] of Christ [where it had not before been preached].

ARE YOU COMMITTED?

²⁰ Accordingly I set a goal to preach the gospel, not where Christ's name was already known, so that I would not build on another man's foundation; ²¹ but [instead I would act on this goal] as it is written [in Scripture], "They who had no news of Him shall see, And they who have not heard [of Him] shall understand." ~ **ROMANS 15:19-21**

JESUS SAID... ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age." ~ **MATTHEW 28:20**

BUT, WHAT WAS "EVERYTHING"

WHAT DID JESUS MODEL

Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages [in Galilee], teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news (gospel) of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness [His words and His works reflecting His Messiahship].

~ **MATTHEW 9:35**

WHAT DID JESUS SEE?

When He saw the crowds, He was moved with compassion and pity for them, because they were dispirited and distressed, like sheep without a shepherd.

~ **MATTHEW 9:36**

WHAT JESUS SAID

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is [indeed] plentiful, but the workers are few.³⁸ So pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

~**MATTHEW 9:37-38**

THEN JESUS SENT

Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority and power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. ~**MATTHEW 10:1**

THEN JESUS INSTRUCTS THEM

And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

~**MATTHEW 10:7-8**

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PREACH

2784 /kēryssō ("to herald") refers to preaching the Gospel as the authoritative (binding) word of God, bringing eternal accountability to all who hear it.

CAST OUT

(cast, put) out; I banish; I bring forth, produce

HEAL

2323 *therapeúō* – properly, heal, reversing a physical condition to restore a person having an illness (disease, infirmity).

RAISE

to arouse from the sleep of death, to recall the dead to life

CLEANSE

to cleanse by curing

SAME SCENERIO – DIFF BOOK

And He called the twelve [disciples] and began to send them out [as His special messengers] two by two, and gave them authority and power over the unclean spirits.

~ MARK 6:7

WHAT DID THEY DO?

So they went out and preached that men should repent [that is, think differently, recognize sin, turn away from it, and live changed lives].¹³ And they were casting out many demons and were anointing with oil many who were sick, and healing them. ~

MARK 6:12-13

AGAIN... DIFFERENT BOOK

Now Jesus called together the twelve [disciples] and gave them [the right to exercise] power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases.

~ **LUKE 10:1**

TO DO WHAT???

Then He sent them out [on a brief journey] to preach the kingdom of God and to perform healing. ~ **LUKE 9:2**

THEN, HE SENT THE 70

Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them out ahead of Him, two by two, into every city and place where He was about to go. ~ **LUKE 10:1**

HE COMMANDED THE 70

Whenever you go into a city and they welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ and heal those in it who are sick [authenticating your message], and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ~ **LUKE 10:1**

JESUS WAS JUST 1 PERSON

He could only be in one place at a time - limiting His ability to do what needed to be done.

**Preach the Gospel & Heal the Sick
SO HE SENT 12**

Now it's 12X the effectiveness to

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Preach the Gospel & Heal the Sick
THEN HE SENT 70

Now it's 82X the effectiveness to

Preach the Gospel & Heal the Sick
& THEN HE SPOKE TO YOU & ME

In the Great Commission to us, we were
commissioned to be the hands & feet of Jesus.
Christ [in] us – empowered by the Holy Spirit
Preaching the Gospel & Healing the Sick

IT WAS MEANT TO BE

10 To The ^Nth Power To

Preach the Gospel & Heal the Sick

Where is our **OBEDIENCE?**

WHAT WAS IT ABOUT JESUS

Do you not believe that I am in the Father,
and the Father is in Me? The words I say to
you I do not say on My own
initiative or authority, but the Father,
abiding continually in Me, does His
works [His attesting miracles and acts of
power]. ~ JOHN 14:10

WHAT WAS HIS PROMISE?

I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you,
anyone who believes in Me [as Savior] will
also do the things that I do; and he will do
even greater things than these [in extent
and outreach], because I am going to the
Father. ~ **JOHN 14:12**

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HOW WILL WE BE ABLE?

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), to be with you forever— ~ **JOHN 14:16**

BUT WHO IS THIS PROMISE FOR?

The person who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who [really] loves Me; and whoever [really] loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him [I will make Myself real to him].” ~ **JOHN 14:21**

TO REMAIN IN HIM BEARS WHAT

Remain in Me, and I [will remain] in you. Just as no branch can bear fruit by itself without remaining in the vine, neither can you [bear fruit, producing evidence of your faith] unless you remain in Me. ⁵I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him bears much fruit, for [otherwise] apart from Me [that is, cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing.~ **JOHN 15:4-5**

OUR ADVANTAGE

But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him (the Holy Spirit) to you [to be in close fellowship with you]. ~ **JOHN 16:7**

HE WILL But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth [full and complete truth]. For He will not speak on His own initiative, but He will speak whatever He hears [from the Father—the message regarding the Son], and He will disclose to you what is to come[in the future].~ **JOHN 16:13**

RECAP Jesus taught [interned, apprenticed, disciplesd], Then He Sent Them Out To Preach The Gospel & Heal The Sick

HIS COMMAND And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. ¹⁶ He who has believed [in Me] and has been baptized will be saved [from the penalty of God’s wrath and judgment]; but he who has not believed will be condemned. ~**MARK 16:15-16**

& WHAT WAS THE RESULTS

¹⁷ These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up serpents, and if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well.” ~ **MARK 16:17-18**

HIS REMINDER... But you will receive power and ability when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be My witnesses [to tell people about Me] both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.” ~ **ACTS 1:8**

FOR WHO...

For the promise [of the Holy Spirit] is for you and your children and for all who are far away [including the Gentiles], as many as the Lord our God calls to Himself."

~ **ACTS 2:39**

**I WILL ASK THIS AGAIN...
HAS GOD STOPPED CALLING PEOPLE TO HIM?**

WHAT FOLLOWED NEW BELIEVERS WHO WERE OBEDIENT TO HIS COMMANDS TO PREACH THE GOSPEL & HEAL THE SICK?

**IF IT IS WHAT JESUS MODELED & WHAT HE TAUGHT & WAS PART OF THE "EVERYTHING COMMANDED" – HAS JESUS CHANGED?
HAS HIS MISSION CHANGED?
HAS HIS POWER CHANGED?
HAS THE WORLD CHANGED?
MEANING – IS IT ANY LESS EVIL TODAY THAN IT WAS THEN?**

**SO NOW WHAT?
WE GET FILLED & RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT & WE START BEING OBEDIENT AGAIN. WE SHARE THE GOSPEL & WE HEAL THE SICK.
WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE?**

FOR JESUS

The Gospel & Healing went hand-in-hand.
We must be
OBEDIENT TO BOTH.

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I MAY NOT...

Walk In It fully today, but I love Jesus & I want to be obedient to His Word.
Shouldn't we want to be faithful?

YET...

There are thousands (maybe even millions) of believers that have never believed or attempted to pray for healing of the sick

WITHOUT THE WHOLE

It is very easy to take one or two Scriptures out of context - believing that not everyone has the ability through the Holy Spirit or that it is even still available

YET, JESUS COMMANDED IT

Where is the disconnect?
Have man's traditions usurped the authority of God's Word?

TRADITION W/O TRUTH

Jesus boldly challenged them by saying...
"so you nullify the [authority of the] word of God [acting as if it did not apply] because of your tradition which you have handed down [through the elders]. And you do many things such as that." ~ **MARK 7:13**

WE NEED TO LOOK AT JESUS

It's not a choice to choose, it's a command to do

I WANT TO OBEY

It's certainly not because I am anyone special but simply **BECAUSE** I am a follower of Christ.

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I READ THE WORD OF GOD

It's what He as commanded for you & me. It's not about a "special event" or a "special person" it's ALL of our calling

HOW MANY?

What % of people do you think Jesus healed?

**ALL
HE HEALED 100% OF EVERYONE HE PRAYED
FOR**

**ALL
EVERY KIND OF SICKNESS
EVERY KIND OF DISEASE**

DO YOU THINK THAT IF JESUS WERE HERE TODAY THAT HE WOULD DO THE SAME THING?

WHY DID HE DIE? (Old Testament)

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was crushed for our wickedness [our sin, our injustice, our wrongdoing]; The punishment [required] for our well-being fell on Him, And by His stripes (wounds) we are healed.
~ **ISAIAH 53:5**

WHY DID HE DIE? (New Testament)

He personally carried our sins in His body on the cross [willingly offering Himself on it, as on an altar of sacrifice], so that we might die to sin [becoming immune from the penalty and power of sin] and live for righteousness; for by His wounds you [who believe] have been healed. ~ **1 PETER 2:24**

**THIS IS NOT JUST
A SPIRITUAL HEALING**

Preaching the Gospel, our repentance,
acceptance & baptism heals the soul
Praying for healing - heals the body

**JUST AS BEFORE PENTECOST, AFTER THE HOLY
SPIRIT FILLED THEM – THE DISCIPLES
CONTINUED JESUS’ COMMAND**

And the people from the towns in the vicinity
of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing
the sick and those who were tormented by
unclean spirits, and they were all being
healed. ~**ACTS 5:16**

**IS IT GOD’S WILL...
To Heal Everybody-
Every time?**

THE DISCIPLES COULDN’T

When they approached the crowd, a man
came up to Jesus, kneeling before Him and
saying, ¹⁵“Lord, have mercy on my son, for he
is a lunatic (moonstruck) and suffers terribly; for
he often falls into the fire and often into the
water. ¹⁶ And I brought him to Your disciples,
and they were not able to heal
him.” ~**MATTHEW 17:14-16**

HERE’S HOW JESUS ANSWERED

¹⁷ And Jesus answered, “You unbelieving and
perverted generation, how long shall I be with
you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring
him here to Me.” ¹⁸ Jesus rebuked the demon,
and it came out of him, and the boy was
healed at once. ~**MATTHEW 17:17-18**

WHAT JESUS DIDN'T DO...

He didn't blame it on the sin in the boy's life.
He didn't say it was because it wasn't the
"will of God"

He didn't say it was a "thorn" the boy had to
carry

NO - there was NO EXCUSE

TO HIS DISCIPLES..HE SAID

¹⁷ ... "You unbelieving and perverted
generation, how long shall I be with you? How
long shall I put up with you?"

WE LOOK FOR ANSWERS

To explain why we couldn't -
to justify ourselves..

JESUS WANTED THEM TO BE ABLE TO DO
IT - SO HE REBUKED THEM & NOT THE
SICK PERSON!

YES IT HAPPENS

You pray for someone to be healed & it's not
happening. We make excuses, even build
doctrines about why it's not happening.

BLAMING THEM...

For their unbelief | **Their unforgiveness** | Their
generational curse | **It's "not the will of God"**
| It's his thorn he has to carry...

WHAT IS YOUR BELIEF BUILT ON?

Your experience or of those who
have taught you OR is it built on the
Word of God?

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WHAT DO WE WANT Our experience to match our theology? OR should we be changing our experience to match the Word of God?

IT'S ABOUT OUR FAITH How do we know?

WHAT WAS LACKING? ¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and asked, “Why could we not drive it out?” ²⁰ He answered, “Because of your little faith [your lack of trust and confidence in the power of God]; **Matthew 17:19-20**

EVERYONE WHO IS BORN AGAIN has faith- You need faith to BE saved & if you have faith to be saved, you have faith to heal the sick.

WE NEED TO TRUST GOD TRUST IN HIS WORD, TRUST IN JESUS.

THE PROBLEM IS We have layers and layers of wrong teaching, blaming it on everything but what it needs to be - If I pray for healing - it's **MY faith** in God. **MY faith** in His Word & **MY faith** in Jesus that determines the outcome - Not theirs

KNOW YOUR WHY The first church in **ACTS 4:29-31** spoke this...And now, Lord, observe their threats [take them into account] and grant that Your bond-servants may declare Your message [of salvation] with great confidence, ³⁰ while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders (attesting miracles) take place through the name [and the authority and power] of Your holy Servant and Son Jesus.”

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& PRAY

³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they were meeting together was shaken [a sign of God's presence]; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness and courage.

THIS IS WAR | 2 COR 4

Therefore, since we have this ministry, just as we received mercy [from God, granting us salvation, opportunities, and blessings], we do not get discouraged nor lose our motivation. ² But we have renounced the disgraceful things hidden because of shame; not walking in trickery or adulterating the word of God, but by stating the truth [openly and plainly], we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ But even if our gospel is [in some sense] hidden [behind a veil], it is hidden [only] to those who are perishing; ⁴ among them the god of this world [Satan] has blinded the minds of the unbelieving to prevent them from seeing the illuminating light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves [merely] as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give us the Light of the knowledge of the glory and majesty of God [clearly revealed] in the face of Christ. ⁷ But we have this precious treasure [the good news about salvation] in [unworthy] earthen

vessels [of human frailty], so that the grandeur and surpassing greatness of the power will be [shown to be] from God [His sufficiency] and not from ourselves. ⁸ We are pressured in every way [hedged in], but not crushed; perplexed [unsure of finding a way out], but not driven to despair; ⁹ hunted down and persecuted, but not deserted [to stand alone]; struck down, but never destroyed: ¹⁰ always carrying around in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the [resurrection] life of Jesus also may be shown in our body. ¹¹ For we who live are constantly [experiencing the threat of] being handed over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the [resurrection] life of Jesus also may be evidenced in our mortal body [which is subject to death].

WORLD WATCH LIST TOP 50 COUNTIRES

- 245 MILLION EXPERIENCE HIGH LEVELS OF PERSECUTION
- IN 2019 THE NUMBER ROSE 14% FROM 2018
- 4,136 WERE KILLED
- 2,625 WERE DETAINED WITHOUT TRIAL, ARRESTED, SENTENCED & IMPRISONED
- EVERY MONTH 105 CHURCHES ARE ATTACKED, BURNED OR VANDALIZED
- EVERY DAY 11 ARE KILLED

¹² So physical death is [actively] at work in us, but [spiritual] life [is actively at work] in you. ¹³ Yet we have the same spirit of faith as he had, who wrote *in Scripture*, "I believed,

therefore I spoke.” We also believe, therefore we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and will present us [along] with you in His presence. ¹⁵ For all [these] things are for your sake, so that as [God’s remarkable, undeserved] grace reaches to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of [our great] God. ¹⁶ Therefore we do not become discouraged [spiritless, disappointed, or afraid]. Though our outer self is [progressively] wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our momentary, light distress [this passing trouble] is producing for us an eternal weight of glory [a fullness] beyond all measure [surpassing all comparisons, a transcendent splendor and an endless blessedness]. ¹⁸ So we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are unseen; for the things which are visible are temporal [just brief and fleeting], but the things which are invisible are everlasting and imperishable.

GOD’S WORD & HEALING

Is a lesson all of its own. But I want to just briefly review & provide Scripture on some key encounters.



THE WOMEN WITH A BLOOD ISSUE MATT 9:20-22, MARK 5:25-28, LUKE 8:43-48

Her faith was so strong that she knew that if she could just touch the hem, she would be healed. And she was.



THE CENTURION'S FAITH MATT 8:5-10

His faith was so strong that he didn't want Jesus to waste His time going to his servant – only that Jesus say the word & believe his servant would be healed. And he was.



LAZARUS | DEAD JOHN 11

He had been dead 4 days & yet Jesus had faith & he rose from the dead.

JESUS IN HIS HOMETOWN MARK 6:1-6

Some state the even Jesus couldn't heal in Nazareth, but that's **NOT** what Scripture says. Most were so offended by Jesus they wouldn't believe – **EXCEPT the few who did** and He laid hands on them & **He Healed them...** 100%

WHAT ABOUT PAUL? | 2 COR 12:7-10

Paul had a **"thorn in his flesh"** & many state that God didn't want to "heal" him. But **healing wasn't what Paul asked for** – commentaries infer sickness because of **Gal 4:14** where Paul talks about his physical condition [it doesn't say what it was], but **if you read vs 10** – a few admit that it could be referring to persecution or opposition – **Paul referred to it as a messenger of Satan.**

I COULD GO ON

But, I'd like to counter with this thought

If I am wrong & I am praying & believing in
 God to heal – *no harm, no foul*
 BUT – if I am right, & it is a command, then
what are the consequences for disbelief &
 disobedience?

I BELIEVE WE NEED TO TRAIN

To be like Jesus. So – even if I don’t see the
 results, I’m going to keep training. I know what
 God’s Word says, so I am going to trust HIM
 and *not my eyes*. I KNOW I WILL see &
 experience TRUTH – *because I have*
already personally experienced a true
 miracle of healing & I’ve seen it in people I
 have prayed for. I will keep praying & Keep
 growing my faith

THE WORD OF GOD

Is my AUTHORITY – NOT man & not my
 past beliefs.

KNOW WHO YOU ARE

I AM...

A Disciple of Christ

I HAVE BEEN CALLED

To share His message of Salvation

I AM HIS REPRESENTATIVE

And He is with me always

I AM NOT

Ashamed of the Gospel

I NEED

The Holy Spirit to live out this mission

LORD

Make me BOLD

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LORD

Help me to be consistent in prayer

HELP ME

To speak YOUR Truth & not compromise

I KNOW THAT I AM A

Warrior in the army of God

I SUBMIT MYSELF

To the authority of Jesus Christ

Lord, I WANT TO BE

Who YOU call me to be *today* and
everyday until YOU call me home.

I WANT

You Holy Spirit

I NEED

You

& AS YOUR WORD SAYS

With all of my heart I have sought You-
inquiring of You and longing for You

DO NOT

Let me wander from your commandments
neither through ignorance nor by willful
disobedience **Psalm 119:10**

LORD – BREAK DOWN

The walls so that I can live life in
abundance, in Truth & in Power

**CRUSH THE
BOX**

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GOING DEEPER | compare the following translations of the same Scripture. What does it tell you about our mission?

2 Corinthians 4 NASB 1995

Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, ² but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled ^{to} those who are perishing, ⁴ in whose case the god of this ^{to} world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving ^{so} that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants ^{for} Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; ⁸ we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. ¹¹ For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death works in us, but life in you.

¹³ But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you. ¹⁵ For all things are for your sakes, so that the grace which is ^{is} spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God. ¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4 NLT

Therefore, since God in his mercy has given us this new way,¹ we never give up.² We reject all shameful deeds and underhanded methods. We don't try to trick anyone or distort the word of God. We tell the truth before God, and all who are honest know this.

³ If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. ⁴ Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

⁵ You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷ We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure.⁸ This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.

⁸ We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. ⁹ We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. ¹⁰ Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies.

¹¹ Yes, we live under constant danger of death because we serve Jesus, so that the

life of Jesus will be evident in our dying bodies. ¹² So we live in the face of death, but this has resulted in eternal life for you. ¹³ But we continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, "I believed in God, so I spoke."¹⁴ We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus,¹⁵ will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself together with you. ¹⁵ All of this is for your benefit. And as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory. ¹⁶ That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are¹⁷ being renewed every day. ¹⁷ For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! ¹⁸ So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

Now that you have completed this lesson:

- *Briefly give a definition of your Biblical stance for your belief.*
- *Write down 3 specific places in Scripture that clearly states your understanding.*

As defined by the Bible, Evangelism is _____

Scripture that supports this statement is:

As defined by the Bible, [World] Missions is _____

Scripture that supports this statement is:

NOTE: YOU MAY FIND THAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING WILL GO DEEPER AS YOU MOVE THROUGH THE FOLLOWING LESSONS. FEEL FREE TO REVAMP & ADD TO YOUR STATEMENTS AS YOU GROW SPIRITUALLY MATURE.