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Sunday service

The Evangelist

1 Corinthians 9:15-27

This past Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday a conference was held at Misionero Emanuel Church in Paramount. Thank you so much for your prayers. May you pray that this meeting will become an important door for American evangelization in the future. Evangelism is not simply a matter of devoting oneself to God. Evangelism is the answer to prayer and a very important condition to conquering your life. The 7 Remnant's in the Bible were all evangelists and they were the ones who led the age. Many believers are dragged by the world, however, the 7 Remnant's were people who led the world. If we say that we will lead the whole of America, it may not be easily accepted, but if we say that we will lead the spiritual stream of America, it will be acceptable. If the Gospel that you possess is what God wants to relay to the world, God will be at work no matter what and no one will be able to block this work. The principle also applies to the 5000 tribes movement in Latin America. When Apostle Paul started the Gospel movement at that time, there was no one that believed that he would become the figure who would change the world as well as its culture and history. However, unseen to the eyes he became a figure who would change the stream, culture, and history of the world. If you are able to see this historical Gospel you will also be able to possess the historical prayer and assurance. God seeks for the one person who will confirm this truth to the world through the bible.

1. The evangelist

- 1) In today's bible passage, Apostle Paul records his attitude about his ministry and his apostleship. At the time, there were people that claimed that Apostle Paul was not an apostle. It was mostly the Jews that said this and claimed that he was a man of heresy.
- 2) He states in 1 Corinthians 9:1, "Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my workmanship in the Lord?" He did not use his rights as an apostle, but instead, spent his earnings to ensure that no one criticized the Gospel as he did his ministry. His apostleship is recorded in 1 Corinthians 9:1-14.
- 3) After describing his apostleship in the long scripture, he continues to explain why he does this without using his right as an apostle and the reasons why he is an evangelist himself.
- 4) Verse 16 states, "For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!"
- 5) This is an important expression, but he is emphasizing his identity over his commission as an apostle. He has been called by God. This means that if he did not relay this Gospel, then he would be put to death by God. He is explaining that he is this person and this is how he lives.
- 6) Verse 18 states, "What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel."
- 7) Therefore, the reason he is proclaiming the Gospel is not because God ordered him to, but because the power of God is so great that if he does not, he could be put to death. There is no reward for himself, but it is God's work that he is doing.
- 8) His reward was not about using his right inside of the Gospel, for he was to make an earning and live off of that. If that doesn't work, he would starve, be beaten, sometimes go to jail, be insulted, and yet he blessed them. That was his reward, not evangelizing and making disciples and doing things like that.
- 9) Evangelism is not your own work, but is God's work that you must do if you do not want to be put to death. And inside of this, there is no reward. This is Apostle Paul. This is how Apostle Paul lived and he describes himself like this. Although it is not recorded, he must have questioned if he himself was an apostle or if there were any apostles that were like him.
- 10) He records an important message about the identity of an evangelist in Verses 19-23. He states, "For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some."

- 11) It records the reason why you, who have the historical Gospel, must have a flexible attitude. These are the blessings you can enjoy when you deny yourself and align yourself to God's desire and thoughts.
- 12) Mankind can think for themselves and live for the benefit of themselves. However, if you come to the answer like Apostle Paul, you will not be swayed by the world or by mankind. This is something ministers and lay leaders who have been called by God must keep in mind.
- 13) Verse 26 states, "So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air." He explains athletic race in Verses 24-25.
- 14) Apostle Paul's running direction is clear and he is fighting in the spiritual battle with a clear opponent. Apostle Paul is the most certain person in this aspect. He was a person that knew exactly which direction to run and who to battle against.
- 15) You are like him. Your opponent is Satan for your goal should be to crush him and you must run in the direction of the treasures that God has prepared for you. You must run towards 237 and world evangelism on this earth for you must serve the church, find disciples, and become the disciple of God. May you once again take after the attitude that Apostle Paul describes in his apostleship and receive these blessings.

2. **The content**

- 1) Everything lies within the content. It is important to put your diligence and hold to the mission that God has given to you, but if the content is incorrect, then you will take the wrong direction. Apostle Paul's ministry was different from many Apostles at that time because he had the accurate content. He had an accurate understanding of the Gospel and God's desire.
- 2) Apostle Paul connected and understood God's heart because he accurately understood the Gospel, was an upright man, and in tears he prayed for each believer.
- 3) How can we succeed in evangelizing America and Latin America? It all depends on how much you are a person that holds to the accurate covenant. It does not mean that you should not do anything just because you do not hold to the content as your own. You will come to understand the content even more as you go out to the field.
- 4) You must keep in mind that you will be able to hold the content as your own as you enjoy Christ and understand God's heart. This is the mystery for you to win without fighting and the path for you to enjoy answers to prayer. The answer is complete, so you can enjoy it in prayer. God has completed the answer.
- 5) It is not a task for you to pray to receive answers to prayer. May you receive answers from God, conquer your life and stand as a witness to the ends of America and Latin America.