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# Evangelists

Ephesians 4:11; 1 Corinthians 14:21–22



# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
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OF THE BELIEVER

**What the Bible Teaches  
About**

**Evangelists**



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**An apostle is one who was commissioned by Christ Himself to the task of establishing the church in the Church Age. That is the technical use.**

**There were no more apostles after the last of the Twelve died.**

**There is one group designated as the Twelve apostles, these are the ones who were called and commissioned directly by the Lord Jesus Christ to go to make disciples and to proclaim the gospel, to establish churches, and to provide for revelation.**

**Rev. 21:14, “Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations [Θεμέλιος, *themelios*], and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.”**

**Others were identified as apostles, but did not have the office. These are distinguished because they were not commissioned by Christ, but were commissioned by one of the Twelve or by a congregation.**

# **Prophets**

**Prophecy, which must be understood in light of the Old Testament role, was also a temporary gift that ended when the “perfect”, i.e., the complete New Testament (NT), was revealed and the Canon was complete.**

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**Acts 21:8, “On the next day we who were Paul’s companions departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him.”**

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**2 Tim. 4:5, “But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”**

**εὐαγγελίζω *euaggelizō* to proclaim good news**

- 1. The verb is used 54× in the NT; almost half in Luke–Acts. Luke (10) and Acts (15).**
- 2. Problem: it is typically translated as preach, which is a vague word.**

**Acts 8:25, “preaching the gospel”**

**Acts 8:35, “preached Jesus to him”**

**Other forms also:**

**καταγγέλλω *kataggellō* to announce, declare, preach**

**λαλέω *laleō* to speak, “preaching the word of the Lord”  
(Acts 8:25)**

**κηρύσσω *kērussō* 3 sing imperf act indic to proclaim,  
preach (Acts 8:5)**

## **BDAG**

- ① gener. *bring good news, announce good news*<sup>[1]</sup>
- ② *mostly specif. proclaim the divine message of salvation, proclaim the gospel*<sup>[2]</sup>

**Neither of these use the word “preach”**

**COED states 1 deliver a religious address to an assembled group of people.**

▶ publicly proclaim (a religious message).  
2 earnestly advocate (a principle): *my parents always preached tolerance.*<sup>[1]</sup>

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**From Latin *praedicare* ‘proclaim’, in ecclesiastical Latin ‘preach’**

**Collins defines preach as “to make known (religious truth) or give religious or moral instruction or exhortation in (sermons).”[1]**

**Books on sermons often talk about “homiletical methods”**

**That comes from the word “homily”:**

- 1. a usually short sermon**
- 2. a lecture or discourse on or of a moral theme**
- 3. an inspirational catchphrase also: platitude<sup>[1]</sup>**

***~Merriam-Webster, Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary***

**Rom. 1:15, “So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach  
the gospel to you who are in Rome also.”**

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**Acts 5:42, “And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.”**

***\*proclaiming the good news, Jesus the Messiah***

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**Acts 8:4, “Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.”**

***\*proclaiming the good message [logos “message”]***

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**Acts 8:5, “Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them.”**

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**Acts 8:12, “But when they believed Philip as he preached [*evangelizo*] the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.”**

**Acts 8:25, “So when they had testified and preached [*laleo* “to speak”] the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel [*evangelizo*] in many villages of the Samaritans.”**

**Acts 8:35, “Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached [*evangelizo*] Jesus to him.”**

**Acts 8:40, “But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached [*evangelizo*] in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.”**

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**What is the content of the “good news?”**

## What is the gospel?

The English word “gospel”, Old English *gōdspel*, from *gōd* ‘good’ + *spel* ‘news, a story’, translating ecclesiastical Latin *bona annuntiatio* or *bonus nuntius*, used to gloss ecclesiastical Latin *evangelium*, from Greek *euangelion* ‘good news’. ~COED

**We have the following which are translated as preaching the gospel, or the word, or Christ:**

***evangelizo* “proclaiming the good news”**

***kērussō* meaning to proclaim, announce**

**Acts 9:20, “Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.”**

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## **Philip the Evangelist:**

**Acts 6:5, “And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch,”**

**Acts 8:4, “Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching [*evangelizo*] the message.**

**Acts 8:5, “Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed [*kerusso*] Christ to them.”**

**Acts 8:12, “But when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news about the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.”**

**Acts 8:13, “Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.**

**Acts 8:14, “Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them,**

**Acts 8:15, “who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.”**

**Acts 8:26, “Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, ‘Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ This is desert.**

**Acts 8:27, “So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship,**

**Acts 8:28, “was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet.**

**Acts 8:29, “Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go near and overtake this chariot.’ ”**

**Acts 8:30, “So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’**

**Acts 8:31, “And he said, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him.**

**Acts 8:32, “The place in the Scripture which he read was this: *‘He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opened not His mouth.***

**Acts 8:33, “ *‘In His humiliation His justice was taken away, and who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth.’ ”***

**Acts 8:35, “Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.” ~ESV**

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λόγος *logos*  
masc sing acc  
word, speech, message,  
argument; book,

διδασχὴ (*didachē*),  
teaching

## **Conclusion:**

**The words *evangelizo* and *kerusso* predominately focus on proclaiming the good news, which is that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, who redeemed us from sin, provided forgiveness, and on whom we should believe that we might have eternal life.**

**John 20:31, “but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”**

# What the Bible Teaches About Teaching

