

# **Evangelists & Evangelism in the Life of the Church**

**Ephesians 4:7-16**

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# A Brief Sketch of Verses 7-16:

1. Jesus has gifted each person;
2. Jesus appoints a few to be leaders;
3. Jesus commands them to be humble;
4. Jesus uses them to equip others;
5. Jesus uses all to build up the church until we reach the fullness of Christ!

# Evangelists & Evangelism:

- The word evangelism derives from the word “good news,” and literally means “a good newser.”
- The word is used only three times, in Acts 21:8, 2 Timothy 4:5, and Ephesians 4:11.
- Some are gifted in evangelism, while others are called to evangelize out of love and obedience for Christ.

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- The gift of evangelism is the God-given ability to persuasively share Christ with others and to equip others to do the same.

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1. People who share good news are people who love the news they share.
2. Passion for evangelism is longing to be like Jesus Christ.
3. We have no need to fear when sharing the gospel with others (1 Peter 3:14).
4. The antidote to fearing others is honoring Christ in our hearts (1 Peter 3:15).

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5. Being able to effectively share the good news takes work (1 Peter 3:15).
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  - [www.equip.org](http://www.equip.org)
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6. Learn to share the gospel with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15-16).