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The Evangelist

As I specified before in 'The Teacher', an evangelist is like a dancer who has the skill and grace (bodily grace) to perform the steps and present them well.

The word Evangelist comes from the Greek word 'Evangelos' which means 'bring the good news' (Gospel).

So an evangelist is the one who just gives the good news that God saved man? No, in fact an evangelist does more than that, he makes man understand how. He explains from both the Old Testament and the New Testament and helps man walk in the path of the Lord. Jesus too preached with scriptures from the Old Testament and made people understand.

An Evangelist according to the Old Testament High Priest Dress - The Anointing.

Exodus 29

¹⁹ "Take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on its head. ²⁰ Slaughter it, take some of its blood and put it on the lobes of the right ears of Aaron and his sons, on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their right feet. Then sprinkle blood against the altar on all sides. ²¹ And take some of the blood on the altar and some of the anointing oil and sprinkle it on Aaron and his garments and on his sons and their garments. Then he and his sons and their garments will be consecrated.

When the anointing of Aaron the High Priest and his sons (Priest) was done, Moses was told by the Lord to take the sacrificial blood and apply it first to their right ears and then to the thumbs of their right hands.

In the Old Testament a man is saved only by righteousness and not by the mercy and grace of God (Sacrifice of Jesus). Therefore the blood was applied only to right ear and the right thumb.

The head represents Christ (Lord and Jesus) and the hands the evangelist. It was only after the coming of Christ (Jesus) the 'Anointed One' on earth, came the evangelist. It does not mean that there was no preaching of the Word of God before that. The Man and Woman of God did speak and explain but all was to do more with repentance and keeping the commandments. They taught mostly of the Law of Moses, the writings of the other prophets and the Israelites experience of God.

An Evangelist according to the Body Part - The Hands.

The hand is the out stretched limb of the body that does the work of holding, fetching or lifting up. There are two hands the right hand and the left hand.

The hands represent the evangelist; there are two kinds of evangelists, the Word Evangelist and the Music (Praise and Worship or Gospel music) Evangelist. Both do the work of changing the hearts of the people (holding), getting the people to God (fetching) and bring them closer to God (lifting).

When the two hands work together more people can be bought at one time. In the same way if you see a music evangelist work along with a Word evangelist you will see them gathering great harvest. The evangelist can change the people, get them to God, but to bring them closer to God the evangelist needs the help of 'the teacher'. Without the help of the shoulder the hand can only hold and bring closer to it's self, but not lift up.

This is the place, most evangelist fail and most of their harvest gets lost. The evangelist manages to only change people and make a name for him or her self but most of the people get lost again. The Word of God is an uncorruptible seed, but every seed needs regular watering and as the seed turns to a plant it requires more than just water. In the same way Spiritual Milk is required but as the baby grows Solid Food is also required and this can be got with the help of 'the teacher'. Therefore I pray if you are an evangelist, dear brother or sister of mine also serve Solid Food in the Spiritual banquets, keep in touch with 'teachers' if not directly at least through their writings.



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An Evangelist according to the New Testament.

In the New Testament the Apostles and others too did the work of evangelizing, but there are few who were referred to as an evangelist. One of them is Philip, who was selected by the Apostles along with other six to serve the people in running the kitchens. There was another Philip also who was an Apostle.

Acts 21

⁸Leaving the next day, we reached Caesarea and stayed at the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the Seven. ⁹He had four unmarried daughters who prophesied.

Acts 6

¹In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. ²So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

⁵This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. ⁶They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

In book of Acts we have a very good example through Philip of how an evangelist works?

Acts 8

⁵Philip went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Christ there. ⁶When the crowds heard Philip and saw the miraculous signs he did, they all paid close attention to what he said. ⁷With shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed. ⁸So there was great joy in that city.

⁹Now for some time a man named Simon had practiced sorcery in the city and amazed all the people of Samaria. He boasted that he was someone great, ¹⁰and all the people, both high and low, gave him their attention and exclaimed, "This man is the divine power known as the Great Power." ¹¹They followed him because he had amazed them for a long time with his magic. ¹²But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³Simon himself believed and was baptized. And he followed Philip everywhere, astonished by the great signs and miracles he saw.

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road the desert road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."

²⁹The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

³⁰Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

³¹"How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?"

³⁵Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" ³⁸And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰Philip,



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however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Another example is Stephen, who also was one of the chosen seven and was called to be an evangelist. (*Acts 6:8*
Acts 7:60)

An evangelist is led by God and travels different places. He may be having a normal family life. He preaches in depth the Word, but his main job is to change people by preaching the Gospel. When he preaches there is great Power and the Glory of God is present. There will be healings, and deliverances will take place when he preaches.

In case of Stephen when he preached (testified) the Word, the Glory of God appeared and before they could stone him he sleep.

The apostle, the prophets, the teachers and the evangelist all have to preach the 'Good News', the Gospel. But when the evangelist preaches there is a great anointing and power in his preaching. This anointing is special and came only after Jesus passed in on from Him unto His believers.

2 Corinthians 10

¹By the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you - I, Paul, who am "timid" when face to face with you, but "bold" when away! ²I beg you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be toward some people who think that we live by the standards of this world.

¹⁰For some say, "His letters are weighty and forceful, but in person he is unimpressive and his speaking amounts to nothing." ¹¹Such people should realize that what we are in our letters when we are absent, we will be in our actions when we are present.

Here we find Paul in his second letter to the church in Corinthians tries to justify that he has the backing of the Power of the Holy Spirit when he preaches in person. Paul was an Apostle and he could not match up with anointing of the evangelist in preaching.

The evangelist is like a dancer the skill of the dancer compares to the Anointing and the grace of the dancer to the Power of the Holy Spirit. The Anointing leads him in the steps (What to preach.) and the Power flows with the Word, like the grace. So if you are an evangelist dance unto the Lord with Anointing and Power. Do not just touch people's hearts but change them, bring them closer to the Lord and lift them to God our Father through Christ.