

Good News for God's People

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The Process of Evangelism

- **people added** v17; Acts 4.4; 2.47
- **people praying** vs3,6; Rom 10.1
- **hope formulated** v8
- **hope broadcast** vs9-10,14

1. When Wealth isn't Enough, vs 1-6

- **unexpected wealth, status** vs 1-2
- **a burden breaking her heart** v3
- **her pleading with the king** vs4-6
never "I'm alright, Jack"

**evangelism begins with a burden
for the unsaved** Rom 9.1-4;10.1
2 Peter 3.9; Luke 15.4-7

2. When Rules can't be Changed, v7-13

... find a way round them! v8

- **an unbreakable principle** Dan 6.15

- **a new approach needed v11**
the right to limited self-defence
God's solution to his dilemma
- punish sin, but save sinners
Rom 3.25-26

3. When Action is Needed, v14

... move fast!

- **message committed to writing v9**
- **... then translated for all v9**
- **... carrying the king's authority v10**
- **... despatched by quickest means**
vs 10,13-14; 2 Thess 3.1
- **...spurred on by king's command**
v14; Mk 16.15; Jhn 20.21; Ac 1.8

4. When Good News is embraced,

...great celebrations follow, vs15-17

- **starting at home v15; Lk 24.51-53**
- **spreading outwards vs 16-17;**
Acts 13.47-48,52
- **proving contagious v17; Ac 2.46-47**
Zech 8.20-23; 1 Pet 3.15; Neh 8.10