

Sharing Your Faith - The Theology of Evangelism

Volume 1 - Unit 11

I. The Great Commission - Obedience

II. The Great Commission - Rationale

A. Universalism

1. Typical (but otherwise diverse) advocates

a. Nels Ferre

b. James Pike

c. Paul Tillich

d. Karl Barth

2. The premise

a. Similarity of religions

b. Religion - culturally oriented

c. No finality - syncretism

B. The Biblical View of Non-Christian Religions

1. Old Testament

a. Cain (Genesis 4)

b. Abram (Genesis 12f.)

- c. Egypt (Exodus 12:12)
- d. First commandment (Exodus 20:3-4)
- e. Joshua and the Canaanites (Book of Joshua)
- f. Elijah and Baal (I Kings 18)
- g. Daniel and comrades in Babylon (Dan. 3, 6)
- h. Isaiah and apostate Judaism (Isaiah 1)

2. New Testament

- a. Jesus and Nicodemus (John 3)
- b. Jesus as Bread (John 6)
- c. Jesus as Light (John 8)
- d. Jesus as the Door (John 10)
- e. Jesus as the Way (John 14:6)
- f. Peter and the Sanhedrin (Acts 4:12)
- g. The One Mediator (I Tim. 2:5)
- h. Paul at Athens (Acts 17)

i. Paul at Ephesus (Acts 19)

j. Paul and the Galatian Heresy (Gal. 1:9)

C. Truth in Other Religions?

1. Creation accounts

2. Flood accounts

3. Golden Rule

D. What About Those Who Haven't Heard?

1. Natural Revelation (Rom. 1:18f.)

2. Special Revelation

a. Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-39)

b. Cornelius (Acts 10)

c. Corinthians (Acts 18:10)

E. The Destiny of the Unbeliever

1. Mark 9:43 -48

2. Revelation 20:10-15

III. Conclusion

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE - John 14:6 – “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me.”