Evangelizing the World John Crawford

I. Introduction.

A. The word evangel means a messenger and it is usually associated with good news. Our gospel is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

II. What the gospel is. (1 Corinthians 15)

A. It is the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

- B. Christ died on the cross to save us from the penalty of sin:
 - Ephesians 1:7
 - 1 Peter 3:18
 - Hebrews 2:14-15
 - Romans 5:10
 - John 14:18

1. Jesus taught that He is with us and He will be in us.

2. It was necessary that Jesus leave so that the Holy Spirit could come and indwell the believer as Christ's representative.

- 3. We have the Spirit of Christ if we trust in Christ. (Romans 5:10)
- C. Christ died to save us from the power of sin now.
 - 1. He saved us to indwell us so that we might have the victory now. (Galatians 1:4)
 - 2. In our lifespan we struggle with evil. God saved us from this present evil world.
 - 3. The land of Canaan depicts the victorious Christian life. (Deuteronomy 6:23)
 - 4. God saved us for the victorious life. (Ephesians 1:4)
- D. Christ died to ultimately save us from the presence of sin. (1 Peter 1:5)

III. You cannot lose salvation. (John 5:24)

- A. Salvation is a work of God by grace. (Titus 3:5)
- B. No one given to Jesus shall perish. (John 10:27)
- C. Our position in Christ is secure.
- D. However, in our wills we can walk in disobedience. (Luke 22:31)

IV. We evangelize through our life. (1 Thessalonians 3:5)

- A. We get the power to evangelize through the Spirit.
- B. We get assurance through prayer.
- C. We are a link in the chain of witnessing.
- D. The strongest part of evangelism is the life we live.

Application questions

1. What are the three aspects of our salvation?

2. How can one defend the statement, one cannot lose his salvation?

3. What does it mean that we evangelize through our life? What is an example of how you can reach out to someone by how you live?
