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“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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Conclusion

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IV. JESUS HAD THE EVERY CREATURE CONCEPT OF EVANGELISM (vs. 9)

- A. Jesus taught his disciples to have the every creature concept. (Mark 16:15; Matt. 28:19)
- B. Once they were convinced that all men can be fellow heirs of the grace of life, they ignored all social, racial and economic barriers. Imagine a Jew teaching a group of Greeks. Paul did. (Acts 17) Imagine a Jew teaching Roman soldiers. Paul did. (Phil. 1:13) Imagine a Jew preaching to a Gentile congregation. Paul did. (Phil 1:5) The every creature concept also crosses all religious or irreligious barriers. No matter how moral or immoral a person may be, they are still a prospect for the Gospel.
 - 1. How many would consider a sorcerer a prospect for the Gospel? Philip did. (Acts 8:9-12)
 - 2. How many would consider homosexuals, idolaters, drunkards and thieves prospects? Paul did. (I Cor. 6:9-10)
 - 3. A governor, officials in Caesar's household, Caesar's special guard? Paul did. (Phil. 1:13; Acts 13:12)
 - 4. Atheists and agnostics? Paul did. (Acts 17:17-19)
 - 5. A doctor? Whoever converted Luke did.
 - 6. A religious leader? Jesus did. (John 3:1-5)
- C. If these kinds of people are prospects, then certainly your friends, relatives, neighbors, fellow workers, fellow students and others you meet from day to day are also prospects.
- D. Do we have the every creature concept of evangelism? Certainly, as long as someone is a white, middle class, responsible American who is already religious. Are we guilty of prejudging people as being unworthy of the Gospel? Are we such an excellent judge of character that we can so easily write them off the prospect list?
- E. In fact, everyone is a prospect unless proven otherwise. Prospects, not suspects.

V. JESUS WENT TO THE LOST (Luke 19:10)

- A. Jesus came to “seek” as well as “save”.
- B. The good shepherd “leaves the 99 safe sheep and goes in search of the one which is lost.” (Luke 15:4)

