

It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

Standing on the Essence of God - -

Hebrews 6:18 “. . . it is impossible for God to lie.”

John 21:1-11 [*After the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ*] After these things Jesus manifested Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and He manifested *Himself* in this way. ² Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will also come with you.” They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.

POD - You will never catch a thing unless the Lord is involved in the work, no matter how skilled you are.

We involve the Lord in all that we do by PRAYER.

⁴ But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ So Jesus said to them, “**Children, you do not have any fish, do you?**” They answered Him, “No.” ⁶ And He said to them, “Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat and you will find a catch.”

Pay attention to the Lord and His direction!

Let Him lead you on where to cast your net - - when and where you should present the gospel.

Body #1 – Unbelievers

Body #2 - Believers

Two objects or mission fields. Each has its own message.

You must be sensitive to the mission God has for you and what the message might be!

So they cast, and then they were not able to haul [**ἔλκω** – “To drag or draw”] it in because of the great number of fish.

See what happens when you cooperate with the Lord?

- Evangelism done God’s way is easy.
- You simply follow your Savior’s lead through the Mentorship of God the Holy Spirit.
- When He is involved in your work, you are going to catch something.

⁷Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord.”

POD - The recognition always goes to the Lord!

So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped *for work*), and threw himself into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away, dragging the net *full* of fish. ⁹ So when they got out on the land, they saw a charcoal fire *already* laid and fish placed on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “**Bring some of**

the fish which you have now caught." ¹¹ Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.

The Lord is never going to provide more than your net can handle.

God draws the fish into the net and, when He is involved, nothing will break.

Categories of Ambassadorship

- ▶ **Category I - Sewing seed** - when the believer is used by God in the preparation of the soul to accept Christ as Savior
- ▶ **Category II - Reaping** – dealing with a person that has been prepared for salvation. . .
 - ✚ Formal presentation of Gospel truths
 - ✚ Reasoning [*not debating*] in those truths
 - ✚ Presenting an invitation to receive Christ as Savior
 - ✚ Leading someone in prayer

Homework for next class -

1. Read all three articles.
 - Chafer on evangelism.
 - A Better Sacrifice.
 - A Jewish encounter with the gospel.
2. Watch the Gospel DVD – “*Am I going to Heaven? The Free Gift of Eternal Life*” – Basic Series #1
3. Ask God to open up a door to give the DVD to someone who He wants you to give it to.
4. Expect that He will and keep your eyes open.
5. Look up; read; pray about; and familiarize yourself with the following passages - -

Leviticus 17:11

Hebrews 9:22; 27

Romans 5:8

Jeremiah 17:9

Revelation 20:11-15

John 1:29; 3:16; 18; 36; 11:25; 14:6

Isaiah Chapter 53 and 64:6

Titus 3:5

Acts 4:12; 10:43; Acts 16:31

Romans 3:10; 20; 23; 6:23

Ephesians 2:8-9

1 Peter 2:24

Write your own presentation of the Gospel.

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.