

# The Christian and Witnessing

## What is a witness?

- The witness of a blind man (John 9:1-34)

## Why should we witness?

A. We are commanded by Christ to go:

1. Until the end of the age, i.e. covers all time (Matthew 28:19-20)
2. To the ends of the earth, i.e. covers all space (Acts 1:8)

B. We are compelled from within

1. We are under compulsion (1 Corinthians 9:16)
2. We are well pleased-to impart the gospel (1 Thessalonians 2:8)

C. We are qualified

1. Approved and entrusted with the gospel (1 Thessalonians 2:4)
2. We are ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:19-20)
3. We are a royal priesthood, i.e. "bridge builders" (1 Peter 2:9-10)

By way of illustration: "The Bridge to Life- Part II"

## How do we witness?

A. Christ's example: "The Woman at the Well" (John 4:1-42)

1. He broke through cultural barriers (John 4:7)

a. She was a woman (John 4:7, 27)

b. She was a Samaritan (John 4:9)

2. He avoided non-moral issues (John 4:7)

- She was probably a woman of ill-repute

3. He addressed her felt needs (John 4:10)

4. He ministered to her real needs (John 4:14)

5. He did not judge harshly (John 4:17-18)

6. He remained focused (John 4:20-21)

7. He spoke clearly about Himself (John 4:26)

B. Paul's example: "All things to all men" (1 Corinthians 9:19-22)

Memory Verse: Hebrews 10:24-25