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## Reaching Out: The Reasons for and Results of Evangelism

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### The Reasons for Evangelism – Acts 26:17-18 (1-32)

<sup>17</sup> I will deliver you from the *Jewish* people, as well as *from* the Gentiles, to whom I now send you,

<sup>18</sup> to open their eyes,

*in order* to turn *them*

from darkness to light, and

*from* the power of Satan to God,

that they may receive

forgiveness of sins and

an inheritance

among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

#### 1. Sight – Spiritual Awareness

<sup>18</sup> to open their eyes,

#### 2. Change – Spiritual Transformation

*in order* to turn *them*

from darkness to light, and

#### 3. Freedom – Spiritual Liberty

*from* the power of Satan to God,

that they may receive

#### 4. Forgiveness – Spiritual Cleanness

forgiveness of sins and

#### 5. Fortune – Spiritual Riches

an inheritance

#### 6. Family – Spiritual Belonging

among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

## The Results of Evangelism

### Acts 28:24 (28:16-31) – TWO POSSIBLE RESULTS (Categories)

**Acts 28:24** *And some were persuaded by the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved.*

<sup>24</sup> And

#### 1. BELIEF

- some were persuaded by the things which were spoken, and

#### 2. UNBELIEF

- some disbelieved.

### Acts 17:32-34 – THREE FUNCTIONAL RESULTS

<sup>32</sup> *And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this [matter.]"*

<sup>33</sup> *So Paul departed from among them. <sup>34</sup> However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.*

#### 1. REJECTION – Outright Disbelief (w/ Disinterest or Antagonism)

- some mocked,

#### 2. RUMINATION – Continued Consideration (e.g. Saul→Paul)

- while others said, "We will hear you again on this *matter*." <sup>33</sup> So Paul departed from among them.

#### 3. RECEPTION – Belief

- <sup>34</sup> However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.