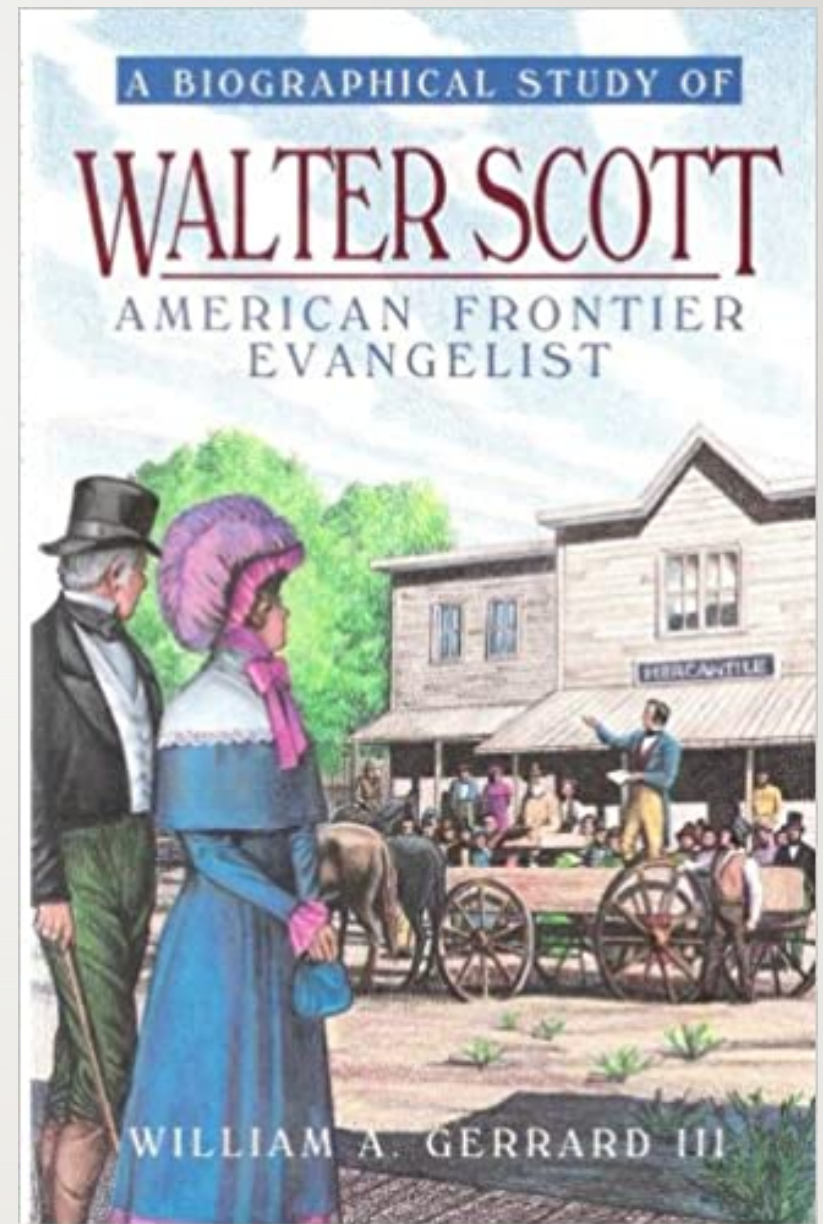


The Work of the Evangelist in the Post-Christian World



Walter Scott (1796-1861)



Billy Graham (1918-2018)



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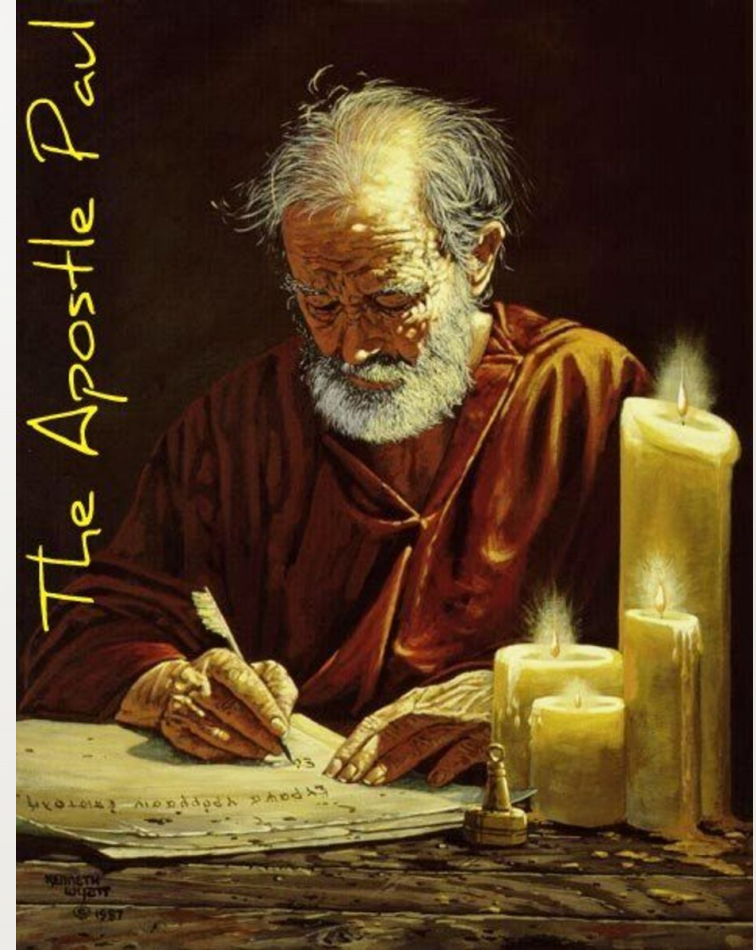
WHO IN THIS CONGREGATION OR AMONG YOUR EXTENDED CIRCLE OF CHRIST-FOLLOWING FRIENDS
IS AN EVANGELIST? *"HERE AM I, SEND ME!" – ISAIAH 6:8*

3 Passages with term Evangelist (*ευαγγελιστου*)

- 2 Timothy 4:5 – “...do the work of an evangelist...”
- Ephesians 4:11– “And he gave some...as evangelists”
- Acts 21:8- “...And entering the house of Philip the Evangelist...”

2 Timothy 4:1-5 – 4:5 – “But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”

- Ears longing to be tickled.
- Sound doctrine ignored (Greek → *They will not bear healthy teaching*)
- Teachers sought out who will “confirm” the deception.
- Truth gets traded for a myth!





Ephesians 4:11-12

(*ευαγγελιστου*)

- *Eu* – good/well *angelos* – messenger
- Whose Idea was this?
- Why Evangelism?

The Persecuted Church

Acts 8:1-4



Act 8:1-4 Now Saul was consenting to his death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. (2) And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. (3) As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison. (4) Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.

Acts 21:8-9



“On the next day we left and came to Caesarea, and entering the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, we stayed with him. Now this man had four virgin daughters who were prophetesses.”

Reductionist Misconceptions of doing the work of Evangelism in Post-Christian world.

- **REVIVALISM:** → get them to the big tent.
- **CHURCH GROWTH & PLANTISM:** → Must plant a church first.
- **SEPARATISM:** → Evangelism & Discipleship separate.
- **(Only) PROFESSIONALISM:** (let the pastor/evangelist/apologist do it)
- **ANTI-PROFESSIONALISM:**
- **PRIVATISM:** (Believe what you want, just keep it to yourself!)



Biblical Evangelism & Discipleship for our Post-Christian Society



- **BIBLICAL COURAGE, CALLING & CONVICTION:** In the scattered fray of our hectic lives, are we looking for opportunities to share? (I cannot be silent about what God has done in my life & will not be silent about what the Apostles had seen and heard!) → Conversations that Count → Dialogues of Difference → Relationships that Redeem.