action or attention; pressing"

The definition of "immediate action" or "pressing" mandates that evangelism is the most urgent. Of all the aspects of Christian life discussed previously, only evangelism has a deadline. We can participate in the Word of God, faith, prayer, worship, and fellowship now, and we will have all of these in perfection for all of eternity.

**Evangelism has only now!** Once a person dies, there is no more evangelism available to them. So NOW is the time for salvation.

"For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (2 Corinthians 6:2)

"And as it is appointed unto men **once** to die, but after this the judgment:"

(Hebrews 9:27)

Jesus **commands** Gospel preaching for the benefit of others. Whereas the aforementioned godly life attributes are for the advantage of the individual. (Of course, as each member of the body of Christ grows spiritually, it enhances the whole body.)

Who would participate in any of the other

things listed if **evangelism** was never done? For example, would the unsaved study the Bible? Have faith? Pray? Worship? Join in godly fellowship? Evangelism and salvation is the first step into spiritual growth and life.

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Conclusion: Without Evangelism, What Is There?

As we have stated, without evangelism, there would be none of the other spiritual activities.

Also, evangelism is the only spiritual obedience that comes with an end date. Upon death, or the Lord's return, **preaching the Gospel ceases**.

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#### **Important Question**

There are many essential questions that believers should ask themselves. For example, what is the most important thing a Christian can do? What is the most beneficial? What serves others most?

In this message, we want to examine what is the most urgent aspect of spiritual life in which believers should be involved.

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## **Scripture – Most Urgent?**

"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. (16) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: (17) That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto

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all good works." (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

The Bible is absolutely critical to every aspect of the Christian life.

The Bible is the **facts** upon which everything that affects believers is based. Our **faith** is built upon the facts contained in the Bible. Without **Scripture**, we cannot grow in Biblical faith. The value of the Word of God is evident, but is it **most urgent**?

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#### Faith – Most Urgent?

"But without **faith**, it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11:6)

Without faith, it is impossible to make God happy!

Obviously, **faith** is utterly essential! Every believer should desire to **please God**, which is not possible without **faith**.

Faith in agreement with the Word of God should be the basis of our praying. Is faith the **most urgent** aspect of Christianity?

**Prayer – Most Urgent?** 

"Be careful for nothing; but in **every thing by prayer** and supplication with thanksgiving let
your requests be made known unto
God." (Philippians 4:6)

Prayer is an inseparable part of Christian living. We are told that we are not to be anxious, but we are to be **prayerful**. Does prayer top everything else regarding **urgency**?

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#### Worship – Most Urgent?

"The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and **worship** him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying," (Revelation 4:10)

**Worship** is an indispensable attribute in the life of a believer, as participation in worship is done forever. Fervent, faith-filled worship is vital, but is it the **most urgent** of all?

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# Fellowship – Most Urgent?

"And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and **fellowship**, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:42)

**Fellowship** is listed among four crucial spiritual activities that the first church did. Obviously, as the body of Christ, we desperately need each other. But is fellowship the most pressing need?

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### **Evangelism - Most Urgent?**

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and **preach the gospel** to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

One of the final commands given by Jesus was **evangelism**. Undoubtedly, this elevates preaching the Gospel to great rank. But is sharing Jesus with the lost the **greatest urgency**?

**Evangelism** seems to be the **most urgent** priority which followers of Jesus can hold. In the next section, we will review why.

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## **Evangelism – Is The Most Urgent!**

We have stated that **evangelism** is the highest priority regarding urgency. But why have we arrived at this decision?

**Urgent defined**: "Compelling immediate

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