

January 30, 2011

INTOUCH

WORD + DEED

The Church's Mission

Part 1

GOD'S GLORY IS DISPLAYED WHEN THE GOOD NEWS
OF HIS SALVATION IS PROCLAIMED AND THE GOOD WORKS
OF HIS PEOPLE ARE CARRIED OUT.
BOTH ARE ESSENTIAL TO GOD'S KINGDOM.

by Tom Ascol

Jesus announced the purpose of His incarnational mission at a gathering in His home-town synagogue in Nazareth. After His baptism and temptation in the wilderness, on a Sabbath day, He read these words from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:18-19). He then declared the significance of what He had read by adding, "today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing" (v. 21).

As the Messiah – the Anointed One – Jesus came to minister in word and deed. The four gospels depict Him doing exactly that, healing the sick (Matt. 8:16; 12:22; Luke 4:40), feeding the hungry (Matt. 15:32-39; John 6:4-13), and delivering the demon-possessed (Matt. 9:32-34; 12:22) as well as preaching and teaching the gospel of the kingdom (Matt. 5:7; Mark 1:14; Luke 20:21; John 6:59; 18:20).

Very often, Jesus' word ministry and deed ministry are displayed simultaneously, as Matthew 9:35 summarizes, "And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction." Preaching and doing, Jesus carried out His mission by both word and deed.

It is also the way that He taught His followers to minister. When Jesus commissioned the original apostles to enter into and extend His ministry, He said to them: "And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay" (Matt. 10: 7-8). Their ministry, like His, was to declare and demonstrate the presence of God's kingdom.

Wherever the kingdom of God comes in power, lives are transformed through belief of the gospel, wrongs are made right, and divine blessing spreads. This is what happened to Zacchaeus. When Jesus brought salvation to his house, he was changed from an unscrupulous tax collector into a generous believer. He repaid those he had defrauded four times the amount he had stolen from them, and he blessed the poor by giving them half of his wealth (Luke 19:1-10). When the Word of God takes root in people, it is inevitable that they will do the works of God.

This is by God's design – His glory is displayed when the good news of His salvation is proclaimed and the good works of His people are carried out. Though they must never be confused with each other, ministries of both word and deed are essential to the ongoing work of God's kingdom. God's reign is explained through the preaching of the gospel. It is made visible when acts of mercy and love are done in the name of the King.

Maintaining a proper integration of word and deed in Christian ministry can be difficult, as history testifies. Failure to distinguish word from deed gave rise to the social gospel movement that asserts that doing good deeds (such as pursuing justice) should not merely accompany evangelism but actually is evangelism. This error discounts personal conversion for social improvement in the name of salvation.

Another mistake made at this point derives not from confusing word and deed but from completely separating them. This is what allows for the kind of pietism that refuses to acknowledge any social implications of the gospel and regards obedience to the Great Commission exclusively in terms of personal evangelism. Proponents of this view tend to downplay Christ's call to "observe all" that He has commanded us (Matt. 28-20) – including His commands to "do good" to all people, even those who hate us (Luke 6:26-36).

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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY – JANUARY 30

10:15 AM	Family Camp Informational Meeting (after 1 st service)	202
12:15 PM	Family Camp Informational Meeting (after 2 nd service)	202
12:30 PM	GriefShare Leadership Training	Family Room
4:00 PM	New Song Singers & Campanitas Bells	206, 207
5:00 PM	Carol Choir & Bell Canto Bells	206,207
6:00 PM	Discovery II – Session 2	209
6:00 PM	EXCEL High School	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	SUNDAY EVENING PRAYER	Library (205)

MONDAY – JANUARY 31

7:00 AM	Teleios: Women's Prayer and Bible Study	Family Room
9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Kick Boxing"	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Community Bible Study	Fellowship Hall and Classrooms

TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 1

9:00 AM	Teleios: Women's Precept Study of Jeremiah	207
7:00 PM	Season of Service Meeting	Family Room

WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 2

7:00 AM	Elder Prayer	Paradise Bakery, Shea & Tatum
9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "That's A Stretch"	Fellowship Hall
5:00 PM	CBC Ringers (Youth)	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	Sanctuary Bells (Adults)	Sanctuary
6:45 PM	LOGOS Kids Club	Classrooms
6:45 PM	EXCEL Junior High	Fellowship Hall
6:45 PM	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:45 PM	Teleios: The Best Offense is a Good Defense	Family Room
7:00 PM	EXCEL High School Small Groups	meeting at homes

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 3

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Cirque Du Soleil"	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Young Adults Ministry	Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM	Teleios Study: Memory and Scripture	Library (205)

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 4

9:00 AM	Women's Aerobics – "Dance It Off"	Fellowship Hall
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SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 5

10:30 AM	Messianic Bible Studies	209
10:30 AM	S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE! Coffee	Library (205)
8:00 PM	Phoenix Chamber Society Concert	Sanctuary

SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 6

9:00 and 10:40 AM	MORNING WORSHIP	Sanctuary
	Dr. Tim Savage	

A NEW WAY TO BE HUMAN, Part 5

"A New Way to View Our Speech"

James 3:1-12; 4:11-12

9:00 AM	Nursery (birth – 23 months)	301-304
9:00 AM	Children's Discipleship (24 mo – gr. 6)	101-103, 201, 203, 206
9:00 AM	Adult Fellowship Classes	208, 209
9:00 AM	Discovery I: intro. to strategic role of local church	Family Room
9:00 AM	Teleios Study: Discipling the Next Generation	Library (205)
9:00 AM	Teleios Study: Christian History . . .	

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10:40 AM	Nursery (birth – 23 months)	301-304
10:40 AM	Children's Church (24 mo. – gr. 6)	101-103, 201, 203, 206
10:40 AM	Teleios Study: Six Steps to Talking about Jesus	208
10:40 AM	Teleios Study: Discipling the Next Generation	Not mtg. today
10:40 AM	Teleios Study: Baptism Preparation (Students Gr. 4-8)	209
12:30 PM	Nursing Home Ministry	meets at Subway, 44 th & Indian School
2:00 PM	Nursing Home Ministry	serves at Osborn Health & Rehab.
4:00 PM	New Song Singers & Campanitas Bells	206, 207
5:00 PM	Carol Choir & Bell Canto Bells	206,207
6:00 PM	Discovery II – Session 3	209
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Neither of these approaches fulfills our Lord's command to love, the former falling short of its depth and the latter restricting its breadth. The staggering implications of "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and "love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:37, 39) are summarized in what we call the Golden Rule: "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them" (7:12). Supreme love to God and sincere love for people result in a passion to bring Him glory and to do good things for them.

(To be concluded next Sunday with Part 2)

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THE CBC FAMILY HAS LOST ONE OF ITS OWN: Last Sunday, January 23rd, Karen Petersen went home to be with her beloved Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Those of us who were in 2nd service last fall will remember Karen as the woman who came forward spontaneously in the middle of Pastor Tim's sermon to give her brief but powerful testimony. Knowing she was terminal with cancer, she simply had to share her joy in the Lord and confirm all that Tim was bringing to us from God's word. It was a moment in time none of us will forget. Please call the office for information about the memorial service later this week.

CHILD DEDICATION IS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH. Parents who have dedicated at CBC previously and wish to participate, please call the office by tomorrow Monday, January 31st. Parents who have not dedicated a child previously at CBC are asked to attend the three-week class, *Parenting Foundations 1*, a pre-requisite for dedication. The next class will be held on Sundays March 27 – April 10, at 10:40 AM with the next dedication scheduled for Mother's Day, May 8th. (NOTE: Although parents who have dedicated a child previously need not attend the class offered, they are certainly welcome, even encouraged to come.)

THE NEXT S.A.I.N.T.S. ALIVE! (55+) COFFEE will be held this Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 10:30 AM in the Library (Room 205). James Hoxworth, CBC Pastor of Small Groups and Young Adults, will be our featured guest. The Coffees provide a wonderful venue to meet staff and church leaders in a small group setting, and we hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to fellowship with James, our newest pastor. He has served CBC for several months now, and you won't want to miss his personal testimony and his enthusiastic update on the Young Adult and Small Group ministries. A light brunch will be served.

BAPTISM PREPARATION – FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 4-8, taught by Pastor Jason Doughty, will be held Sundays February 6, 13 and 20 from 10:40 AM to 12:00 PM in Room 209. Baptism is commonly referred to as an outward symbol of an inner reality. Baptism involves the public proclamation and identification with Christ, and his body, the Church. This class will explore three main questions: 1) What does it mean to be a Christian and how do we know we are one?, 2) How did we come to practice baptism?, and 3) What is the meaning of baptism? Because a parent's understanding of baptism and of their child's spiritual life is vital in determining a child's readiness for this ceremony, we require at least one parent to attend with their child. If this is not possible, arrangements should be made for another adult to fill this important role. To enroll, contact Renee at renee@camelbackbible.org.

DISCOVERY I, our first-Sunday-of-the-month introduction to the strategic role of the local church will be held next Sunday, February 6, at 9:00 AM in the Family Room, located just off the sanctuary narthex. Newcomers to CBC, those desiring to pursue membership at CBC, and any who are interested are invited to attend. Featured is a video of Dr. Tim Savage discussing God's glorious purpose for us, His church.

DIRECTORY INFO NEEDED! We are planning on producing a smaller (non-pictorial) all-church directory to be ready by the 1st Sunday in March. Of course, we want YOU in it! So, if you consider CBC your church home/family, please be sure we have your most recent information in our database. Blank Information Forms can be obtained at the Welcome Center, as well as the church office. Please submit a completed CBC Information Form (one per family/household) by tomorrow Monday, January 31, to ensure your family listing in the directory. Thank you, in advance, for helping us obtain the most accurate information for our all-church directory!

MORE TELEIOS CLASSES BEGIN!

The classes listed below begin in February. Check them out! For class details, go to www.cbcaz.org/adult/teleios. Please don't procrastinate - register now by simply calling the church office, Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We'll plug you in to one or more of these GREAT CLASSES!

When God Doesn't Make Sense: Feb. 13 – Mar. 20, 5:00 PM, Room 209
Baptism Preparation (Gr. 4-8): Feb. 6 – 20, 10:40 AM, Room 209
Heartfelt Forgiveness: Feb. 13 – Mar. 13, 10:40 AM, Family Room
GriefShare: Feb. 26, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Family Room, followed by Mar. 1 – May 10, 6:45 - 8:45 PM, Family Room

SPRING FLING RETREAT: Register by tomorrow, January 31st, for early-bird special! This year's retreat – grades 3-6 – will be held March 4-6 at Lost Canyon Young Life Camp in Williams AZ. Cost: \$90 by tomorrow/\$100 after tomorrow. Register online at www.cbcaz.org/springfling.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend a gathering of those who meet and discuss the ongoing efforts we are making to reach out to the community. The next meeting is set for 7:00 PM this Tuesday in the Family Room. Come and receive a warm welcome from a growing group led by Pastor James that prayerfully discerns the ongoing outreach of CBC.

BAPTISM is scheduled to be included in our worship services on **Sunday, February 13th**. If God is leading you to follow your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into the waters of baptism, His command to all who are His, please call the office by Monday, February 7th, and speak to Mary Gayle. Participation in this baptism on the 13th needs to be preceded by an appointment with a pastor.

CAMELBACK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, our very own preschool is now accepting priority registration for CBC members and attendees. This wonderful preschool is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International and has been serving our community for over 27 years. Please stop by the school during the week, or contact Jeanne Bookhout, Administrator, for a tour and registration packet: jbookhout@camelbackbible.org / 602-957-0215. Do not delay! Classes fill up quickly and this **priority sign-up opportunity ends on February 11**.

IF YOU ENJOYED THIS MORNING'S MUSICAL OFFERING (2nd Service), please plan to come to a recital featuring Harrison Whyte and three other young men, all students of Patricia Cosand. Each young man will play a "season" of Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, accompanied by string ensemble (including several Camelback musicians) and Dr. Guy Whatley on harpsichord. This recital will be presented in the Camelback Bible Church sanctuary on Saturday, February 12th, at 7:00 PM.

Our Seminar/Support Group will be held in the Family Room (in the Sanctuary) on Saturday February 26th from 8:30 AM to 12:40 PM and then on Tuesday evenings from 6:45 PM to 8:45 PM, March 1st through May 10th. These sessions do not actually build on each other so you may join at any time during the 13 weeks. Because this is a support group, it is valuable to attend as many sessions as possible. Call Fran Landro (480-945-2509) to register or for more information. **Please let friends and family know about the Seminar.** Brochures are available in the Missionary Stands in the narthex under GriefShare. This grief recovery ministry program is offered in many churches throughout the country and even the world. Information and locations are available at www.griefshare.org. For specific locations simply enter the appropriate zip code.

CHILD SAFE CLASS – Sunday, February 27, 4:00-5:30 PM, the Family Room – is required for all Children's Ministry (including nursery workers) and EXCEL volunteers. Volunteers must attend this class to learn about CBC's policies and also state and federal guidelines for those who volunteer with children. Childcare is provided. Please RSVP to Renee Zuck (renee@camelbackbible.org) no later than Tuesday, February 22.

CBC GIVING TO DATE, 2011

Last Week's Giving	\$ 16,010.00
January Giving to Date	\$ 69,013.00
Year to Date Giving	\$ 69,013.00