

## The New Testament Evangelist 5021

### I. Introduction

- A. Eph. 4:1–16—God’s program for building the church through five main ministries. Primary character requirements: lowliness, meekness, forbearance.
- B. Eph. 4:9–10—Jesus sets the pattern: the way *up* is the way *down* (compare Phil. 2:9)
- C. Eph. 4:4–6—The seven basic unities of the church:
  - 1. One *body* (the church), with one *head* (Christ). Contrast the many-headed beasts of Dan. 7 and Rev. 13.
  - 2. One *Spirit* – the Holy Spirit
  - 3. One *hope* – heaven
  - 4. One *Lord* – Christ
  - 5. One *faith* – the Bible, or the Gospel
  - 6. One *baptism* – identification with Christ
  - 7. One *God* and Father
- D. Eph. 4:7–8—Out of *unity* emerges *diversity*, through the ministry gifts (compare Ps. 68:18)
- E. Eph. 4:11—The five ministries listed and defined
- F. Acts 13:1–3—Apostles were sent out by the Holy Spirit through a local church (compare Acts 14:4, 14)
- G. Acts 21:8—Philip is the only pattern evangelist of the New Testament (compare Prov. 18:16)
- H. Acts 8:5–12, 26–40—Five marks of Philip’s ministry:
  - 1. Continually on the move
  - 2. Simple message: Christ
  - 3. Always brought converts into water baptism (compare Matt. 28:19–20; Mark 16:15–16)
  - 4. Attested by miracles
  - 5. Accompanied by deliverance from evil spirits

If the church had followed this pattern of evangelism, we would not have Christians coming into the church who still need to be healed, or to be delivered, or to be baptized in water. As part of God’s process of restoring the church to its proper condition, the true New Testament ministry of the evangelist is coming back, but it is working mainly among the incompletely evangelized church members.

### II. Summary Of This Ministry

- A. God’s “paratrooper” – highly mobile
- B. A simple presentation of Christ, which demands a response
- C. Three provisions for those who accept Christ:
  - 1. Deliverance from evil spirits
  - 2. Miraculous healing
  - 3. Baptism in water