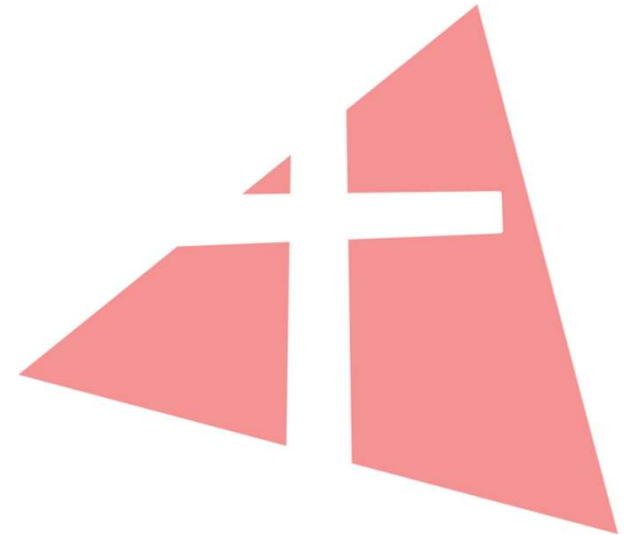


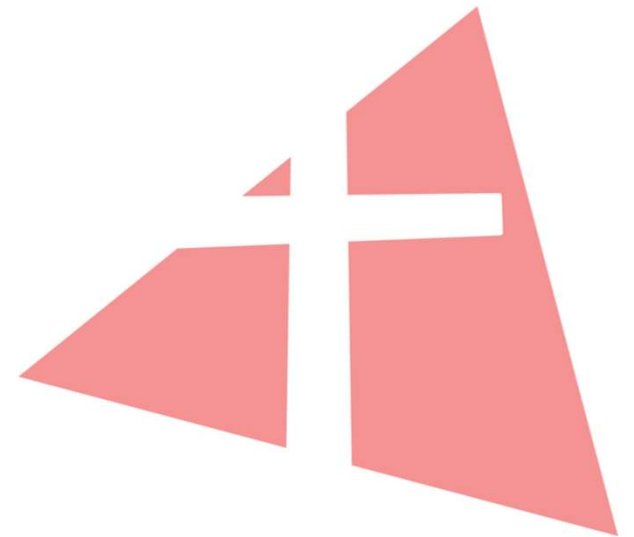
# **THE HEART OF EVANGELISM**

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 2019**



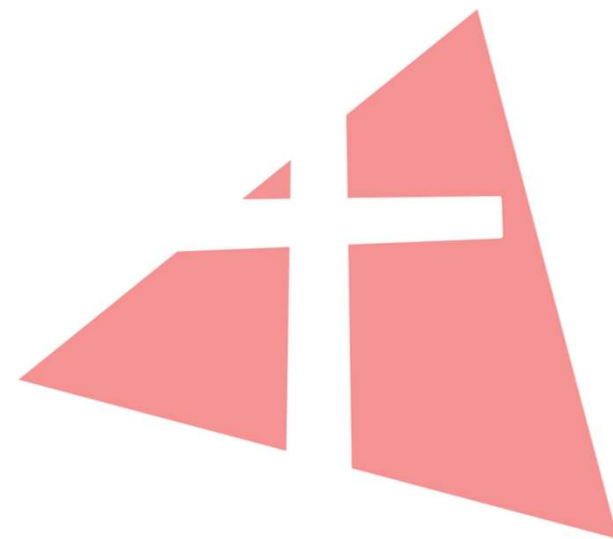
# ALETHEIA

- **The theme for 2019 is evangelism**
- **One great opportunity: Our anniversary**



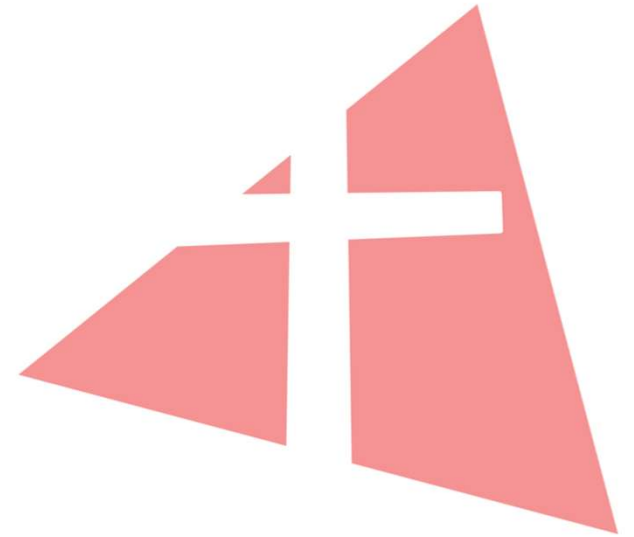
# THE FOUNDATION

- The Heart of Evangelism



# REALITY

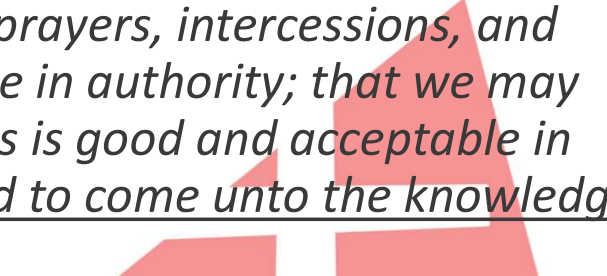
- Most people are afraid of evangelism



# GOD'S HEART

*2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

*1 Timothy 2:1-4 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.*



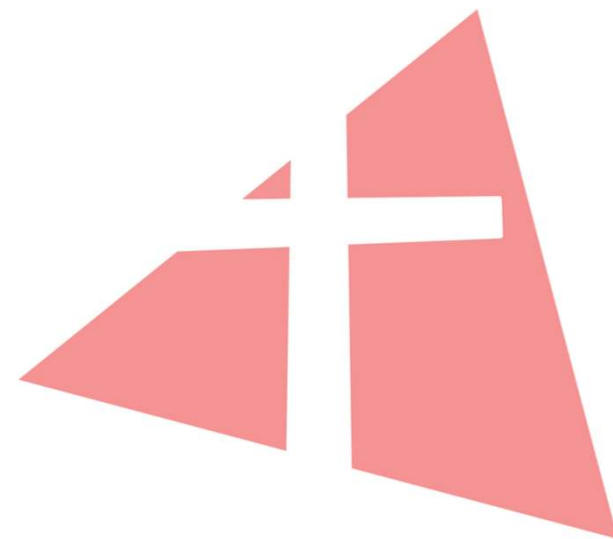
# GOD'S HEART

*John 10:10 The thief comes not, but to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*



# GOD'S HEART

- Jesus sacrificed Himself for this very cause



# JESUS'S HEART

*Luke 23:33-34 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his clothing, and cast lots.*

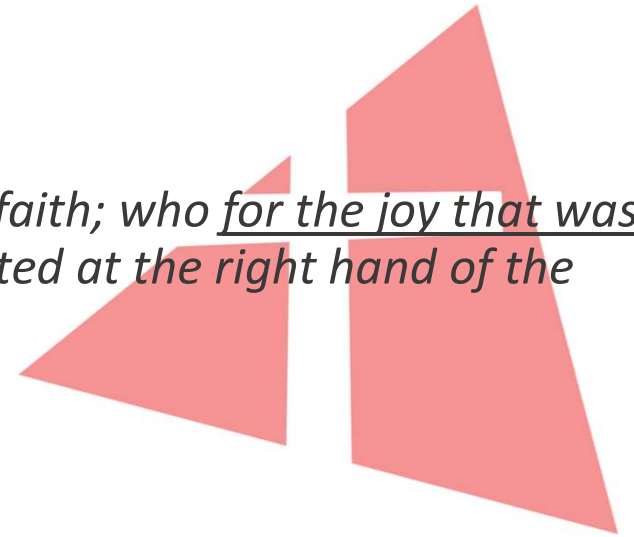




# JESUS' HEART

- Jesus didn't sacrifice Himself primarily out of obedience
- Jesus sacrificed Himself primarily out of love
  - Love for the Father
  - Love for us

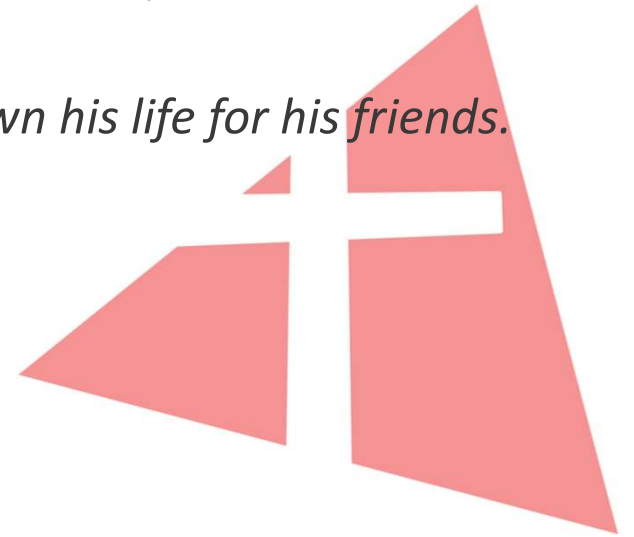
*Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*



# JESUS' HEART

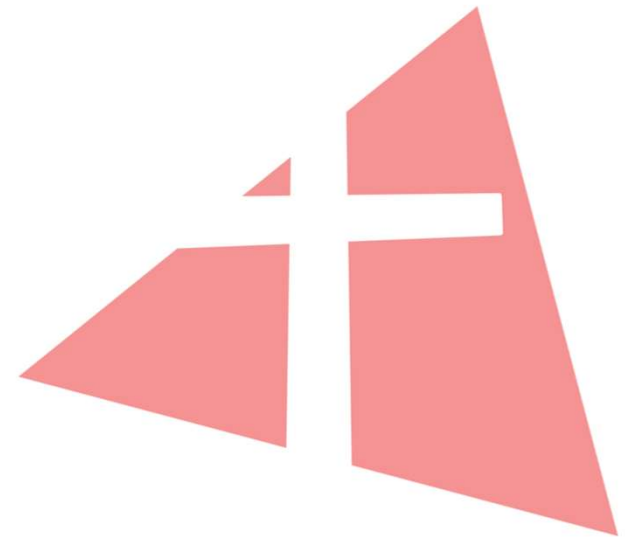
*John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*John 15:13 Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*



# JESUS' SACRIFICE

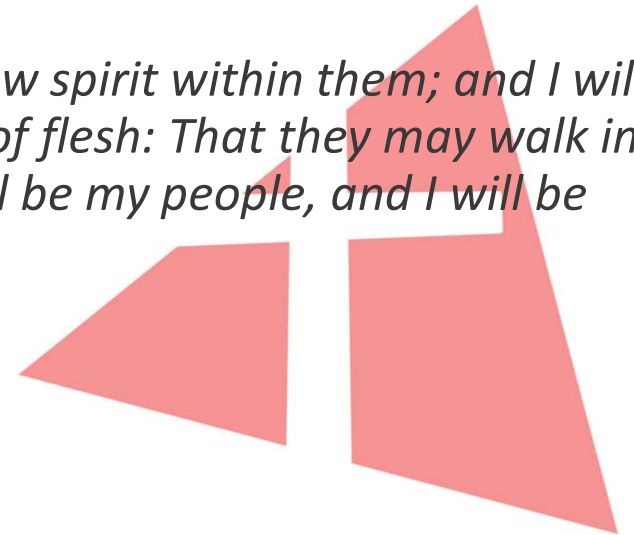
- The greatest expression of love in the history of mankind



# GOD'S OFFER

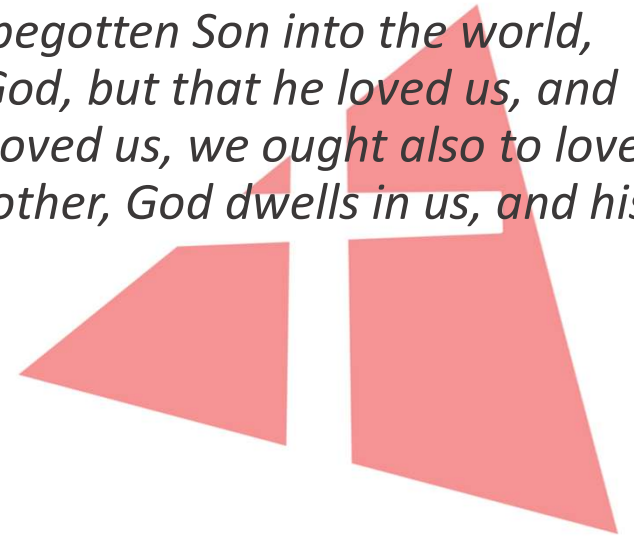
- God wants to change our hearts

*Ezekiel 11:19-20 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh: That they may walk in my statutes, and keep my ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.*



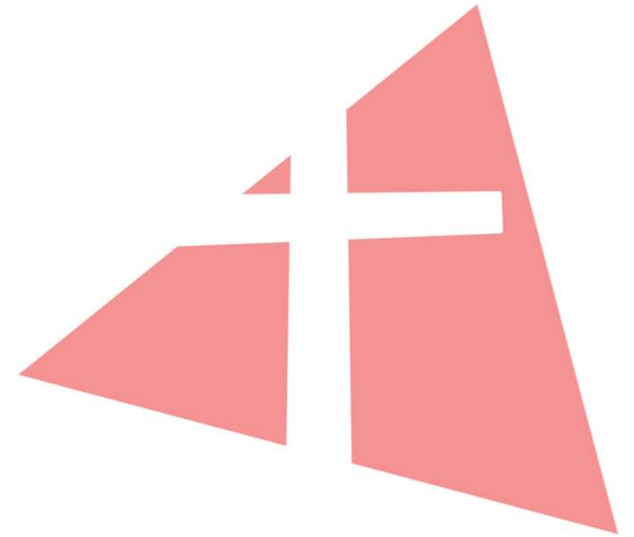
# GOD'S OFFER

*1 John 4:7-12 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loves is born of God, and knows God. He that loves not knows not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwells in us, and his love is perfected in us.*



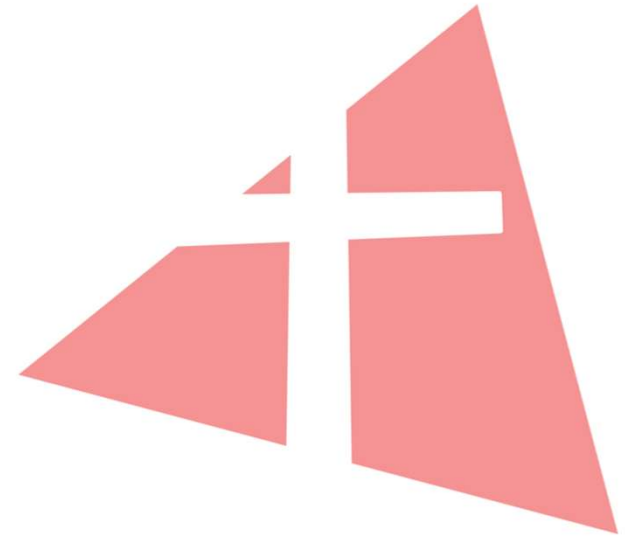
# GOD'S COMMANDMENTS

- **Commandment**
- **Offer**
- **Choice**



# LOVE ONE ANOTHER

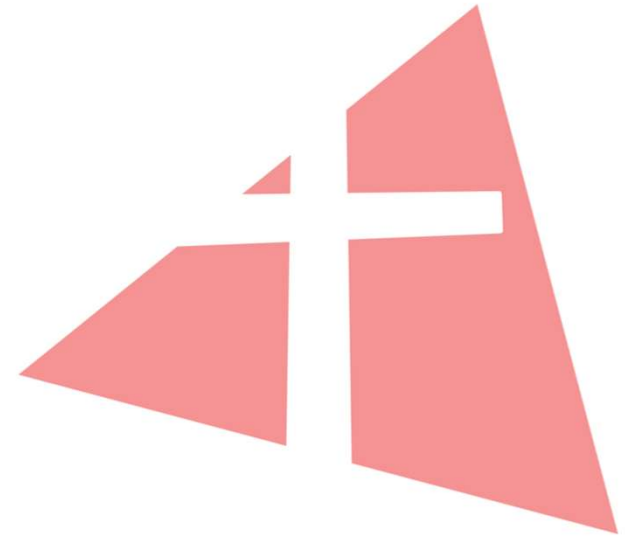
- If we don't tell others about Jesus, we do not practice love
- Evangelizing is evidence of Faith



# A PERSONAL MISSION FIELD

- **Everybody has a heart towards a specific group of people**

- Poor and needy
- Nation
- Age group
- Life experiences
- ...





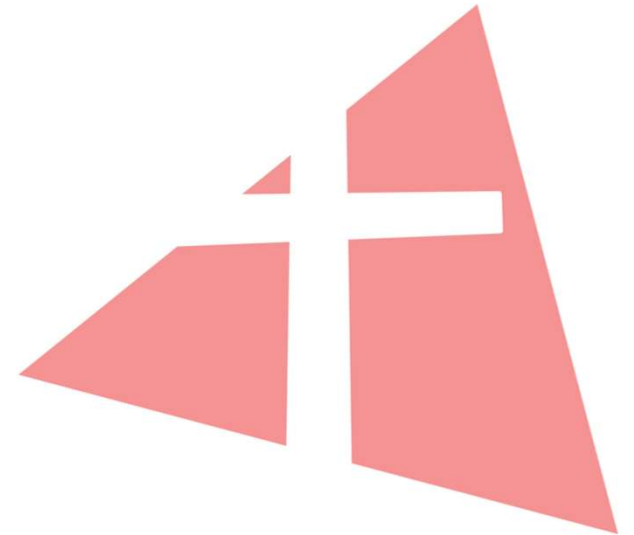
# A PERSONAL MISSION FIELD

*2 Corinthians 1:3-6 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them who are in any trouble, by the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.*



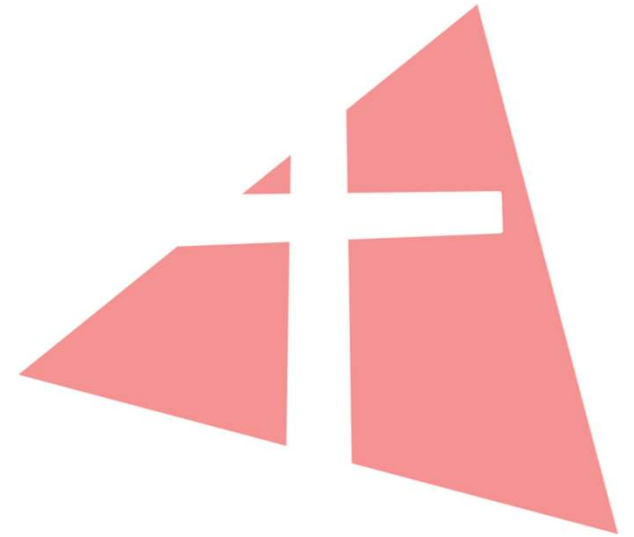
# DIFFERENT WAYS OF EVANGELISM

- **Telling**
- **Inviting**
- **Prayer**
- **Supporting others who do the actual evangelism**
- **...**



# IN CONCLUSION

- Most people are afraid of evangelism
- The solution is not to “try harder”
- The solution is to ask God to give us His heart



# IN CONCLUSION

- **Evangelism is not supposed to be a duty**
- **Evangelism is supposed to be a natural overflow of our Christian walk**

