

Evangelism ... The Outreach to Unbelievers

Evangelism...What is it?

Evangelism is the art of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with someone who doesn't know Him. It focuses on the fact that when Jesus died on the cross, He did so to pay for the sin of the world. When a person trusts in Him they have eternal life.

Some scriptures about evangelism.

1. *"We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ." Colossians 1:28*
2. *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19*

Why is evangelism important?

Because God commands it. Sharing Christ is not an option! The last command that Jesus gave to His disciples was to share the message with the world. Because of the world's destiny. People that die without Christ will spend an eternity in a real place called hell. We have the tremendous privilege of sharing the good news of the Gospel with those who don't know it. The people are perishing and we must let them know!

How is evangelism done?

It takes boldness.

Let's face it. To share the message of Christ takes boldness. Even the Apostle Paul prayed for boldness to share the message of Christ.

"Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel." (Eph.6:19)

It takes clarity. The message of Christ is simple. Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. If we simply trust in what He did on the cross, then we receive the free gift of eternal life.

It takes follow-up.

Once a person trusts in Jesus Christ as their Savior they need to be "discipled". This means that we help them grow in their knowledge of God and His Word. A simple way to disciple them is to guide them through this 8-week course. Just like someone is guiding you through it!

A verse to memorize!

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19,20

Study Questions

1. Read I Corinthians 9:23-27 and answer the following questions?
 1. According to verse 23 why did Paul do all these things?
 2. Paul compares sharing the gospel with two sports. What are they? How do they relate to sharing the gospel?
2. Paul tells us in Colossians 4:6 that we should, "Let your _____ be always full of _____, seasoned with _____, so that you may know how to _____ everyone."
3. Romans 1:16 tells us that we should not be _____ of the gospel. How does this verse apply to you personally as you seek to share Christ with your friends?
4. Write down the names of three people that don't know Jesus Christ as their Savior that you desire to tell:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 1. **Begin by praying for them!**
 2. **Then seek opportunities to share the message!**
 3. **Then share it!**
5. Write a letter to God asking Him for the strength to share the good news of Christ with these friends.

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