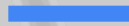


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Gospel Evangelism



Getting to the Gospel

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Evangelism

- “To speak good news”
- Someone “heralds the gospel”
- “invite to fellowship”
- “witness/ testify”
- “apply persuasion, win over”
- (Matt. 4:23; Acts 8:5; Rom. 10:8-15; 1 Cor. 15:11, 12)

Evangelism

- In Scripture, this act of preaching is seen as:
 - A presentation of the gospel of Jesus (Acts 8:35)...
 - For a specific group of people (Luke 4:18-19)...
 - And to a wide audience (Luke 4:43;)...
 - To transform into disciples and members (1 Cor. 1:17)

1 Corinthians 3:6

- “I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth”

**“Our work
doesn’t work
until God’s work
does” - I said
that**

Acts 8:35

- “Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he *preached Jesus* to him.”

Matthews 28:18-20

- 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 **Go** therefore and *make disciples* of all the nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 **teaching** them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Luke 4:18-19

- "18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed, 19 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord."

Implications of Evangelism

● Proper Implications of Evangelism

- Announce Jesus, the divine Son of God, being incarnated, and dying to atone for the sins of the world
- Proclaim Christ Jesus, the living Savior and the reigning Lord
- Preach Jesus as Christ, God's anointed Servant, who fulfilled His appointed tasks to perfection
- Declare the gospel with a specific application

Implications of Evangelism

● Improper Implications of Evangelism

- Announce general truths about the existence of a God or morality
- Proclaim the teaching and example of Jesus Christ as a historical figure
- Preach Jesus as a Helper and Friend, without referencing His saving work of death and resurrection
- Declare Jesus as a subject for vague academic study

2x4 Gospel

Who Jesus is	Jesus is fully God	Jesus is fully Man
What Jesus did	Jesus Died for our Sins	Jesus Resurrected
How We Respond	We should Repent (turn your mind from sin to Jesus)	We should Believe (in Jesus)
Our New Relationship	Jesus is our Lord	Jesus is our Savior

General Points

1. Jesus' defeat of death (resurrection) is as important as His death (see 1 Corinthians 15:12-19)
2. Who God is matters.
3. Presenting the benefits of salvation go beyond mere entrance into heaven.
4. You cannot escape the need to live holy in accordance with the gospel message you will proclaim.

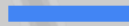
General Points cont.

5. Proclaim the truth and give people direction on responding
6. Strategy: ask people if you can pray for them and then include the gospel in your prayer
7. Making the gospel a normal part of life can make it easier to talk about.
8. Make disciples, not mere converts
9. There is no need to be ashamed of the gospel, since it is exactly what will cause change to its hearers (Romans 1:16)

Questions?

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