

“What the Bible Says about Evangelism”

Selected Scriptures

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1. What is evangelism?

- A. Declaring good news to miserable sinners
“behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:10-11)

- B. One part of the Great Commission
“make disciples of all the nations” (Matthew 28:19)

2. Why should we evangelize?

- A. It is a command
“And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel’” (Mark 16:15)

- B. It is the one thing we cannot do in heaven
“But for the cowardly and unbelieving...their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death” (Revelation 21:8)

- C. So people can be saved
“And how shall they believe on Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?” (Romans 10:14)

3. How do we evangelize?

- A. Empowered by the Spirit and prayer
“you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be My witnesses” (Acts 1:8)

- B. Infiltrating the world
“He said to them...‘repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations’” (Luke 24:46-47)
“And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation’” (Mark 16:15)
“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:19)

- C. Preaching the gospel to unbelievers
“preach the gospel” (Mark 16:15; cf. 1 Corinthians 15:1-3; Romans 1:16)
“How shall they hear without a preacher?” (Romans 10:14)
“Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God” (Mark 1:14)

- D. By planting and watering seeds
“I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth” (1 Corinthians 3:6)
“the sower went out to sow...beside the road...upon the rocky places...among the thorns...upon the good soil” (Matthew 13:3-8)

4. Why don't we evangelize?

- A. Fear
“Do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell” (Matthew 10:28)

- B. Apathy
“Wake up and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die” (Revelation 3:2)

- C. No compassion
“let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth” (1 John 3:18)

- D. Frustration
“whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet” (Matthew 10:14)

5. How can I improve in evangelism?

- A. Pray (Ephesians 6:19)
- B. Give your testimony (John 9:25; 1 Peter 3:15)
- C. Diversify (Matthew 13:1-8)