

Evangelism...For The Purpose Of Godliness

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Evangelism: Definitions

- “Presenting Jesus Christ **in the power of the Holy Spirit** to sinful people, in order that they may come to put their trust in God through Him, to receive Him as their Savior, and to serve Him as their King in the fellowship of the church.”
- “Communicating the gospel.”

1). Evangelism Is Expected

- God calls all believers to be His witnesses whether or not their gift is that of evangelist.
- 1 Peter 2:9, “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, ***that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.***”

2). Evangelism Is Empowered

- **What are the reasons that Christians don't evangelize?**
- Perceived lack of training.
- Lack of knowledge (What is the gospel?).
- Fear (Fear of rejection; fear of failure).
- Misunderstanding of what the evangelism is.
- Lack of time (wrong priorities).

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- **What is success in evangelism?**
- “We need to learn that sharing the gospel is successful evangelism.”
- Faithfulness. Were we faithful to tell people about Jesus? If so, then we were successful.

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- Acts 1:8, “But you will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
- Jesus expects evangelism of every Christian because the Spirit empowers every Christian to evangelize.

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- “The Spirit does not empower all Christians to evangelize in the same way; rather, all believers have been given power to be witnesses of Jesus Christ.”
- What is the evidence that you’ve been given the power to witness?
- The Holy Spirit in you. He changed your life and is dwelling in you. God has given you Acts 1:8 power.

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- Romans 1:16, “For I am not ashamed of **the gospel**, for **it is the power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”
- The power is in the Word. In the gospel.

2). Evangelism Is Empowered

- Read: Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:8-17.
- Romans 10:17, “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”
- What does the above verses tell us about hearing the gospel and the necessity of faith? Where does the power to believe come from?

3). Evangelism Is A Discipline

- “Evangelism is a natural overflow of the Christian life....But evangelism is also a ***Discipline*** in that we must discipline ourselves to get into situations where evangelism can occur, that is, we must not just wait for witnessing opportunities to happen.”

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- Matthew 5:16, “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”
- What does it mean to “let your light shine before others?” What must we do?

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- How can we put ourselves in position to witness to others?
- Practice sharing our faith.
- Make it a priority (time management).
- Spend time with unbelievers.

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- Colossians 4:5-6, “Conduct yourselves **wisely** toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech **always** be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”

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- Have coffee or lunch with neighbors or coworkers and learn to ask good questions about the personal side of their lives.
- Ask the person how you can pray for him or her. Most non-Christians don't know of anyone who prays for them.

Application

- How can you intentionally be Christ's witness this week? Will you obey His commands?
- Do you know the gospel? Do you believe God can use your words in the salvation of others?
- How can you plan to exercise this discipline?
(Ex: lunch meeting, hospitality, pray for others).