

## BIBLICAL EVANGELISM

### I. Inadequate Views of Evangelism

- A. The proclamation of a redemption they have already been given
  - Denies need for personal conversion
- B. Presence with hurting needy people
- C. Meeting material needs in the lives of others
- D. Evangelism is everything the church does
  - It may be ministry but not evangelism
- E. Social reconstruction
  - Make society better
  - We make it a better place from which to go to hell
  - Social ministry is popular with the world

### II. Meaning of New Testament word Evangelism

- A. English transliteration of a Greek word
- B. *Euangelion* means *Good News*
  - 1. Mark 1:15, 8:35
  - 2. Matthew 10:29-30
  - 3. Romans 1:14-16
  - 4. I Corinthians 4:15
  - 5. I Corinthians 15:3-4
- C. We are the only ones with Good News

### III. Best Definition of Evangelism

- A. The compassionate sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit to lost people with the intent of winning people to Jesus Christ that they might have a personal relationship with Christ and share Him with others.

### IV. Christ's commissions to evangelize

- A. Matthew 28:18-20
- B. Mark 16:15
- C. Luke 24:46ff
- D. John 20:21
- E. Acts 1:8

### V. Theology of Salvation

- A. Theology is study about God
  - 1. By grace alone - Ephesians 2:8-9
  - 2. Through faith alone - Ephesians 2:8-9
  - 3. In Jesus Christ alone - John 14:6

### VI. Man's Need of Salvation

- A. We are sinners – Romans 3:2; Isaiah 53:6; Isaiah 59:1
- B. We are sick spiritually – Mark 2:16-17
- C. We are a slave – John 8:31ff

## **VII. Stages of Salvation**

- A. Regeneration – I have been saved
  - 1. One time experience with continuing effect
  - 2. The moment we place our faith in in Christ and repent of our sins
    - a. Born again – John 2
    - b. Like being married - II Corinthians 11:2
    - c. Like being a disciple or student – Matthew 28:19
    - d. Being clothed – Isaiah 61:10, Romans 13:14, Galatians 3:27, II Corinthians 5:21
- B. Sanctification – I am being saved
  - Life time process after regeneration
  - Be conformed to the image of Christ – I Corinthians 6:11  
(II Thessalonians 2:13-17; I Thessalonians 4:1-8)
  - 1. By teaching us - John 14:26
  - 2. By testing us – Proverbs 17
  - 3. By pruning – John 15:2
  - 4. By discipling – Revelation 3:19
- C. Glorification – I will be saved  
(II Timothy 4:8; I John 3:2)

## **VIII. Requirements for Salvation**

- A. Repentance - Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30
- B. Believe – John 3:16; Acts 16:30-31
- C. Receive – John 1:12; I Corinthians 15:1-4; Romans 10:9-10, 13

## A COMMITMENT TO PERSONAL EVANGELISM

Why is personal evangelism important?

- 6,813 - number of languages in the world.
- 411 - number of languages that have the Bible in their language.
- 1,700 - number of languages that have the New Testament in their language.
- 4,702 - number of languages in the world that do not have any Scriptures.

It takes 20-30 years to translate the Bible into a new language and teach the people to read the Bible.

150,000 people die every day in the world!

50,000 people die every day who have never heard of Jesus one time.

Coca Cola was invented in 1896.

- Today 98% of the world has heard of Coca Cola.
- 1/3 of the world still have not heard of Christ after 2,000 years.

### “Personal” Evangelism

- The first thing we need to do is put the “personal” back in evangelism.
- We have tried to memorize canned programs
  - F.A.I.T.H.
  - C.W.T.
  - E.E.
  - ROMANS ROAD
  - ETC.
- We have to use the “Word of God” and the “example of Jesus” to reach people effectively.

### Matthew 19:16-22 “Personal Evangelism of Jesus”

- Hot evangelistic prospect
- He was ripe
- He was eager
- No way he would get away without salvation, but he did!
- He wanted joy, peace, love, hope!
- Jesus failed to draw the net?

\*Our contemporary evangelism methods do not need to critique Jesus, but we need to let his example critique us.\*

-The rich young ruler was coming because he had a felt need. He knew what was missing.

- He asked a simple, honest question, “what good thing shall I do that I might have eternal life?”

### What Would We Have Said?

- Pray this prayer.
- Invite Jesus in your heart.
- Come to church Sunday.
- Join the church and be baptized.
- I am so excited you want to be saved.

### What Did Jesus Say?

- Matthew 19:17.
- Why didn't Jesus simply tell him the way of salvation?
  - \*Because his desire for salvation was based on a felt need!
  - \* He had no sense of his own sin or desire to repent!
- Jesus gave an answer that would force him to see his sin.
- He held him against divine standard so he could see his sin.
- Personal evangelism must make the sinner measure himself against the perfect law of God so he can see his need.
- An evangelism that deals only with human needs, feelings, and problems is superficial and powerless to save since it focuses on the symptoms rather than the real issue, SIN.
- The rich young ruler was requesting eternal life on his own conditions, and Jesus did not grant his request.
- Jesus' words were pointing him to his need for repentance. (He was showing him his sin through the law.)
- Jesus also showed him his need to submit to Christ. (v.21)
- The story has a tragic ending.
- Although salvation is a gift, Christ will not give it to a man whose hands are filled with other things.
- A person who is not willing to acknowledge and repent of sin and submit to Christ cannot receive salvation.
- Our evangelism cannot use tactics which offer salvation under different conditions than Christ allows.
- We must use Scripture (the law), to help people see and understand the good news.
- Genuine repentance and faith which submits to Christ are essential.

Sources: Ray Comfort, John MacArthur, and David Sills.

## I. WHAT LESSONS CAN WE LEARN AND APPLY FROM JESUS' EVANGELISM?

1. Jesus was approachable (v.17).
2. Jesus did not chase rabbits; he did not let the lost person control the conversation (v.18).
3. Jesus intentionally brought up the law, and spiritual things (v.19).
4. Jesus listened for clues (v.20).
5. Jesus loved the person enough to tell him what he needed to hear (v.21).
6. Jesus let the man go before accepting a false conversion (v.22).

\*I want to focus on Jesus' use of the law and Ten Commandments!

## II. WHY DID JESUS USE THE LAW AND COMMANDMENTS?

In Romans 3:19-20, we find three things the law does:

1. It closes the mouth of the lost person (v.19).
2. It causes people to become guilty before God (v.19).
3. It reveals knowledge of personal sin (v.20).

Jesus' evangelism was based on biblical truth not felt needs.

Our evangelism today is heavily based on felt needs.

\*We say pray this prayer and everything will be fine.

\*Invite Jesus in your heart.

\*We practice friendship evangelism,

\*We emphasize the benefits.

\*We speak more about God's love, mercy, forgiveness, patience, etc.

\*We provide an unbiblical motive and they accept for the wrong reason.

## III. THE BEST EVANGELISM METHODS IS IN THE BIBLE

Romans 1:16 states, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth...."

2 Corinthians 7:8-10 – The Word produces sorrow which leads to repentance.

If we share the truth, God's word will soften the heart.

Godly sorrow and shame over sin lead to repentance which is necessary for salvation. It produces conviction which leads to life.

Satan and the world produce guilt which leads to death.

Luke 13:3 states, "I tell you, Nay; but except you repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Luke 13:5 states, "I tell you, Nay; but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Romans 10:17 – The Word produces faith

The word of God produces faith! There is no substitute for God's word because nothing else produces faith.

Hebrews 11:1 states, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:6 and Ephesians 2:8-9.

## WHAT IS THE BIBLICAL “MEASURE” FOR SUCCESS IN PERSONAL EVANGELISM?

- Most people feel like failures if they try to evangelize a few times and no one is saved!
- People believe they are failures because they measure success by positive response.
- Biblical success in personal evangelism is measured by faithfulness to share the message!

Matthew 13:3b states, “Behold, the sower went out to sow.”

John 4:36 states, “Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.”

I Corinthians 3:6-9 states, “I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.”

- If we measure success by response, then Jesus failed in Mark 10:17-22.
- We must have the right measure for success or we will become discouraged quickly and not share our faith.

## WHAT IS THE BIBLICAL “MOTIVE” FOR PERSONAL EVAGELISM?

1. We have entered into a relationship which has so radically changed our lives we cannot help but tell others.

1 Peter 2:9-10 states, “But you are a CHOSEN RACE, a royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God’s OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.”

2. The one who bought us with His blood, has commanded us to share the gospel with everyone.

Matthew 28:18-20 states, “And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”

Acts 1:8 states, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

3. The reality of death and judgment for every person.

Hebrews 9:27 states, “And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.”

4. The urgency of the spiritual condition of those without a personal relationship with Christ.

John 3:18 states, “He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

#### WHAT IS THE BIBLICAL “METHOD” OF EVANGELISM?

1. We give the LAW to the proud, and GRACE to the humble!

Mark 10:17-22 – The rich young ruler got the LAW.

Mark 10:46-52 – Blind Bartimaeus got MERCY and GRACE.

2. We confront them with the reality of their sin!

Romans 6:23 states, “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

3. We give them the Word of God!

Romans 1:16 states, “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.

Romans 10:17 states, “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.”

4. We lift up Jesus Christ as the only way to be saved!

John 14:6 states, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.’”

Acts 4:12, “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

5. We emphasize the importance of REPENTANCE and FAITH!

Luke 13: 3 states, “I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

Romans 10:9 states, “that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”



6. We offer them an opportunity to respond! We are spiritually sensitive about when to pull the net.

Mark 10:21 states, "Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, 'One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.'"

7. We follow up with those that respond, and do personal discipleship!

Matthew 28:19-20 states, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

John 15:16 states, "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you."

**\*\*BIBLICAL EVANGELISM IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL THE EVANGELIZED BECOME THE EVANGELIZERS!!\*\***

## Pattern for Memorizing Scripture

1. Read the verse – Joshua 8:35, Matthew 19:4, Luke 4:16
  1. Topic
  2. Reference
  3. Phrases
  4. Context
  5. Truth
2. Hear the verse – Luke 11:28, Acts 13:44, Romans 10:17
3. Meditate on the verse – Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:2, Psalm 63:6, Colossians 3:16
4. Write the verse – Deuteronomy 6:9, Deuteronomy 11:20, Proverbs 7:2-3
5. Study the verse – II Timothy 2:15
6. Practice the verse – James 1:22
7. Review the verse!

### Romans 10:9-10

v. 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth/  
the Lord Jesus,  
and shalt believe in thy heart/  
that God hath raised him from the dead,  
thou shalt be saved.

v. 10 For with the heart/  
man believeth unto righteousness;  
and with the mouth/  
confession is made unto salvation.

## **IMPORTANT VERSES FOR PERSONAL EVANGELISM**

### **GOD'S LOVE AND SALVATION ARE AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE**

“The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16

“For ‘Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.’” Roman 10:13

### **THERE IS NO SALVATION OUTSIDE OF CHRIST**

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.’” John 14:6

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

“I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.” John 10:9

### **SIN SEPARATES EVERY PERSON FROM GOD**

“As it is written, ‘There is none righteous, not even one.’” Romans 3:10

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.” Romans 5:12

### **MAN CANNOT SAVE HIMSELF THROUGH ANY HUMAN EFFORT**

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

“Nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.” Galatians 2:16

“Because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.” Romans 3:20

### REPENTANCE IS ESSENTIAL FOR SALVATION

“I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” Luke 13:3

“I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish,” Luke 13:5

### FAITH IN CHRIST ALONE BRINGS SALVATION

“For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.”  
Romans 3:28

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 5:1

“That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.” Romans 10:9-10

### SALVATION IS A FREE GIFT WE SHOULD RECEIVE TODAY

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”  
Romans 6:23

“The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.” Romans 13:12

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.” Revelation 3:20

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