



Evangelism (pt 1)

"The Ministry of Reconciliation"
(2 Corinthians 5:11-21)

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"Now all these things are from God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."
– 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

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What is Evangelism?

- *the ministry of reconciliation*
 - as ambassadors of Christ, proclaiming the word of reconciliation (the gospel)
 - calling for repentance and faith in Christ

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- *what it isn't...*
 - not getting someone to "make a decision"
 - not imposing our beliefs
 - not merely engaging in social actions
 - not simply living out the Christian life

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What is Evangelism?

1. Be clear about the gospel
 - be clear about the person's lost condition under the righteous judgment of God
 - be clear about the nature of the cross – God's love in sending His Son to be the propitiation for sin
 - be clear about the benefits of the gospel

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2. Be clear about the costs

- do not mislead people with false promises so that they believe a false gospel
- be clear about the nature of saving faith – self-denying, sacrificial, forsaking all for Christ

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3. Be clear about the need for response

- with a sense of urgency, call people to repent of their sins and believe on Christ
- avoid manipulation and formulaic responses in order to get a “decision”

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Why don't we evangelize?

- We crave man's approval (fear of man)
- We do not consider the reality of eternal judgment
- We have few relationships with non-Christians
- We do not want to be inconvenienced