

# Evangelism

An Introduction To God's Love

# Definitions

**Evangel** - see: Gospel

**Evangelical** - being in agreement with the Christian Gospel especially as it is presented in the four Gospels

**Evangelize** - preach the Gospel

**Evangelism** - the winning or revival of personal commitments to Christ

**Evangelist** - an enthusiastic advocate for Jesus

*We are enthusiastic advocates for Jesus, preaching the gospel to win people to personal commitments to Christ, so that we can all come together in agreement with the Christian Gospel.*

# The Good News

Jesus died to save you from your sins and redeem you to God, so you can spend eternity with Him in heaven

You don't have to be perfect

There is everlasting grace, mercy, peace, and joy for you

You are loved

Your Father in heaven loves you, and calls you son, or daughter

You are free from condemnation and empowered to grow in love

You are not alone!

Evangelism is a  
community effort.

## James 2:14-16

What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well"—but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?

*Our job is to show our faith, by our love, as a means of introducing people to Jesus.*

# 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I first came to you, dear brothers and sisters, I didn't use lofty words and impressive wisdom to tell you God's secret plan. For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified. I came to you in weakness—timid and trembling. And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God.

*Jesus didn't come to give us a book, He came to give us His life!*

# 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ. When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, I too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ.

When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.

*Jesus submitted Himself to our limitations to show us His love for us.*

## Ephesians 2:8-9

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

*When you tell people about Jesus, make sure that they know that their entire relationship with Him is purely a gift from Him!*



## Matthew 9:36-38

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”

*We either go to people when we see they need help or comfort, or we obey God when He sees them and sends us to them.*

## Romans 10:14-15

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, “How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!”

*Let's talk about God more!*

## Romans 1:15-17

So I am eager to come to you in Rome, too, to preach the Good News. For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”

*The Good News is the power of God at work!*

## Acts 1:8, Mark 16:15, Matthew 28:19-20

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

*Evangelism is the first step in discipleship.*

*A candle doesn't lose anything by lighting another  
candle.*

*It is the flame of the Holy Spirit working in and  
through you that ignites the other person's faith,  
your job is just to be on fire.*

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