
What Is Evangelism?

Two Words:

- *euangellion* – good news – “Gospel”
- *euangelidzomai* – to share the good news – “to evangelize”

What Exactly Is the Good News (i.e. the “Gospel“)?

1 Cor 15:1-5 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-- unless you believed in vain.³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,⁵ and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

1. **Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures**
2. *He was buried [proof that He died]*
3. **He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures**
4. *He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve [proof that He rose]*

*“In verses 1 and 2, Paul says he is about to declare to them the gospel by which they were saved. Then, in verses 3 to 5 he defines that gospel. These verses say four things about Christ: He died for our sins; He was buried; He arose; and He was seen. Notice that twice Paul adds the phrase “according to the Scriptures,” indicating that the two basic elements of the gospel are: Christ died for our sins; and Christ arose from the dead. Why then did he add that Christ was buried and was seen? The answer is that His burial is proof of His death, and His appearances are proof of His resurrection. Whatever else evangelism is, it has to do with the death and resurrection of Christ.” (G. Michael Corcoris, **Evangelism: A Biblical Approach**, p. 12)*

The Power of the Gospel

(Rom 1:16) For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

1. Topic: **The gospel of Christ**
2. Characteristic: **It is the power of God to salvation**
3. Participant: **To everyone who believes** (Jew, Greek/Gentile)

Evangelism = Proclaiming + Purpose

(Act 14:14-15)¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out¹⁵ and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them,

(Matt 4:19) Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

(Col 1:28) Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

(2 Cor 5:20-21)²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

*“Evangelism is communicating the gospel of Jesus Christ with the immediate intent of converting the hearer to faith in Christ, and with the ultimate intent of instructing the convert in the Word of God so that he can become a mature believer.” (G. Michael Corcoris, **Evangelism: A Biblical Approach**, p. 14)*

The Process of Evangelism

(Rom 10:14-17)¹⁴ How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?¹⁵ And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?"¹⁷ So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

1. **Call** on (pray to) Him
2. **Believe** on Him
3. **Hear** of Him
4. **Preach** about Him
5. **Sent** to preach

The Ultimate Results of Evangelism

(1 Cor 3:6) I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.