

“Growing in the Skill of Explaining the Gospel Message” 5/15/11 1 Corinthians 15:3-5

Series- Understanding the Need and Nature of Evangelism

Main Point- The initial goal in evangelism is to present to the non-believer the way they can be reconciled to God and to introduce them to Jesus Christ.

Most important book for Jewish High Priest? Leviticus... God's WAY.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation, to everyone who believes.” Romans 1:16

POINT 1- To grow in our skill we must learn to avoid the PITFALLS

We need to know what Evangelism is NOT:

- A. A goal of evangelism is not to “reform” people’s lives- moralism.
- B. We are not seeking to win people to live a “Christian” life- politics
- C. Evangelism is not simply denouncing sin in others or the world.
- D. Evangelism is not securing intellectual assent to the gospel message.
- E. We are not seeking to secure an emotional response- decisionism **Pre-K**
- F. Christianity is not being a “westerner” or Gentile.
- G. We recognize that being a Christian is not hereditary. No grandchildren.
- H. We are not trying to get people to become “church attenders”.
- I. It is not our main goal to simply get people baptized or follow other rituals like prayer, Bible reading, etc. **lots of people praying... muslims, etc.**

Going Deeper God wants us to be intentionally aware of getting sidetracked!

POINT 2- To grow in our skill we must learn the essential POINTS

It is more than just “God loves you and has a plan for your life” 1Cor 15:3-5

- A. We must become proficient at answering “what is the gospel?”
 - S-sinners (Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23) Bad News
 - S- separated (Isaiah 59:2; Romans 6:23) Bad News
 - S- substitute (Isaiah 53:5; Romans 5:8) Good News
 - S- salvation (Isaiah 49:6; Romans 10:9) Good News
- B. We must become proficient at answering “how do I become a Christian?”
 - R- recognize sinfulness (1 John 1:10)
 - R- repent of sin (Acts 17:30)
 - R- receive Jesus (John 1:12)
 - R- reside/abide in Him (John 8:31)

Going Deeper God commands us to be proclaiming His gospel to everyone!

Repent- to change one's way of life as the result of a complete change of thought, attitude, and behavior with regard to sin and righteousness.