



May 26, 2020 | A Healthy Church Member is A Biblical Evangelist

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Matthew 28:19-20

A healthy church member works to make sure that they are converted, but he also works to make sure that his evangelistic efforts are informed by a biblical understanding of conversion.

A BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING OF EVANGELISM

Apart from a biblical understanding of conversion, a healthy church member will be helpful in completing the church’s mission of making disciples.

- **THE PROCESS**

- Old Process: Believe, Become, Belong
 - i. Believe: making the confession that Jesus Christ is Lord
 - ii. Become: apart of the body of Christ
 - iii. Belong: to the community of like believers
- New Process: Belong, Believe, Become
 - i. Belong: make the “outsiders” feel welcomed and loved
 - ii. Believe: lead them to make the confession of salvation
 - iii. Become: apart of the body of Christ

- **OUR ROLE**

- Ambassadors
 - i. We are ambassadors for Christ pleading with men to be reconciled to God but we realize that it is God himself who makes the plea through us
 - *1 Corinthians 3:9, “For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.”*
 - *2 Corinthians 5:20, “Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.”*
 - *2 Corinthians 6:1, “We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.”*
 - ii. We are to plant and water faithfully and trust that God will give the increase. (1 Corinthians 3:7)
- Faithful sharers
 - i. We must be ready at all times to share the good news with anyone that God puts in our path.
 - We must be Content Specific

- Who is God?
- Who is man?
- What is sin?
- Who is Jesus?
- What did Jesus do about sin?
- What must we do in response to what Jesus did?
- We must stand firm that Jesus is the ONLY way of salvation
 - *John 14:6, “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*
 - *Acts 4:12, “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”*
- Call the hearer to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ

DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST

When engaging in evangelism, one of the most important things we must do is be HONEST.

- **WHAT SHOULD WE KEEP IN MIND?**

- Tell them with honesty that if they repent and believe they will be saved—but it will be costly.
- Tell people with urgency that if they repent and believe they will be saved—but they must decide now.
- Tell people with joy that if they repent and believe the good news they will be saved—it is worth it.
- Use the bible—not your opinion.
- Be credible—your life speaks louder than your words.
- Remember to pray.

- **THE LOCAL CHURCH IN EVANGELISM**

- When a church is involved in gospel preaching then those members are graced to hear the gospel preached each Lord’s Day.
- Inviting non-believers to worship is a great way to help expand the gospel because it allows them to not only hear the gospel but they are able to see the gospel in the flesh.
 - i. By allowing them to feel that they belong to the family, it gives them a preview of the life they will be called to live should they repent and live a consecrated life.
 - ii. *Romans 10:1-17, “Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end*

of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 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? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.