

Philosophy of Evangelism

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1. Evangelism involves a primary conviction that God sovereignly works according to His decreed will.

Evangelism must be rooted in the biblical truth that God has His elect from around the world and *He* will draw them to Himself. Therefore, the evangelist shares the gospel with all boldness trusting entirely in the reality that God sovereignly works according to His sovereign, decreed, and unchanging will. Therefore, in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ, God *will* work according to His purpose—it may fall on hard soil, it may water, or it may cause the growth.

2. Evangelism involves a biblical presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

True evangelism consists of the *good news* of Jesus Christ. That good news is the reality that all mankind is sinful and every single human is doomed to destruction in hell because of sin. All people are rebels by nature and have broken God's holy law. God full-well deserves to punish sinners forever under his wrath. But God poured out the fullness of His wrath upon His Son, Jesus Christ, when God crushed the Son on the Calvary's cross in the place of the elect sinners who believe in Him. This salvation is made personal by believing in Jesus Christ as the substitute for sin, submitting to Him as Lord and King, and walking in obedience to Him as a result of regeneration.

3. Evangelism involves an urgent pleading with the sinner to repent immediately and fly to Christ for refuge from divine wrath.

The person who shares the gospel is to plead with sinners to repent of sin and flee to the refuge of Jesus Christ. He alone is the Rock to protect sinners from the storm of God's fiery wrath. Each person sharing the faith is to call the sinner to repent of sin, confess it *as* heinous before God's infinitely pure eyes, and believe in Jesus Christ.

4. Evangelism involves a prayerful and gentle persistence to proclaim the gospel to all unbelievers whenever God brings the opportunity.

Christians should consistently pray for God to bring opportunities to preach the gospel to people—at home, at work, at school, at social engagements, to strangers, or anywhere else. Christians should pray fervently for those to whom he has evangelized and gently, faithfully, and biblically present the gospel whenever God brings opportunities to those individuals again.

5. Evangelism involves a clear teaching of what Christ demands of His followers—absolute Lordship.

Salvation is more than ‘knowing about Jesus Christ.’ Salvation is received as a free gift by saving faith in Jesus Christ. This saving faith inherently includes a heartfelt submission to Jesus Christ as Lord and as Savior and to God’s Word as the authority. Jesus demands nothing less than the newly regenerate believer confessing: “Jesus is Lord.” It is a sign of identification, submission, and servitude to the great & sovereign King.

6. Evangelism involves an understanding that though God has sovereignly elected some to salvation and He uses means—evangelism, preaching, or the one sharing the faith—to accomplish the ultimate goal of the salvation of the sinner.

God has chosen some before the foundation of the world to be His specially chosen people. He *will* save them and they will enter into the family of God. God has ordained and appointed their eternal destiny. God is well-pleased and glorified in using *means* to get the gospel to sinners so that God can draw His elect to Himself. The privilege is tremendous, namely, that God allows regenerate sinners to proclaim the gospel so that God sovereignly works on the sinner’s heart *through the words and actions of the preacher* to soften, save, and sanctify His elect. To God alone be the glory.