



SHARING  
**JESUS**  
{without *freaking out*}

# Proverbs 11:30

New American Standard Bible

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who is wise wins souls.

PRICIPLES  
FOR  
BIBLICAL  
*EVENGELISM*  
FOUND IN  
JOHN 4, “THE  
WOMAN AT  
THE WELL.”

1. TAKE THE *INITIATIVE!* JN. 4:6-9
2. OFFER GOD’S *MERCY!* JN. 4:10-14
3. *IDENTIFY* SPIRITUAL NEEDS! JN. 4:9-10
4. *CONFRONT* SIN JN! 4:16-18
5. *REJECT* FALSE WORSHIP! JN. 4:19-24
6. *REVEAL* CHRIST! JN. 4:25-26

# EVERYTHING INCLUDING *EVANGELISM* BEGINS WITH *GOD!*

- Notice (Gen. 1:1) *“In the beginning GOD . . .”*
- God’s own story of redemption begins with Himself. And that’s where we should begin when preaching, teaching, or sharing the gospel.
- It’s important for us to learn of *HIS* infinite ***character, nature, and attributes.*** And here is the main reason ***why!*** If we who have Spirit-illuminated minds cannot fathom God in His fullness; how much can we expect the minds still ***darkened by sin*** to comprehend?
- However, we cannot accurately present the gospel without first dispelling the false and idolatrous ideas about God that dominate the world. People today fashion a god out of nothing more than their sentimental and spiritual preferences. We must find away to articulate:::::::::::::::::::::

- **GOD IS ETERNAL.** (ISA. 57:15) *“For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, “I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.”*
- **GOD IS IMMUTABLE.** (MAL. 3:6) *“For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.”* He demands our reverence on HIS TERMS, NOT OURS.
- God presents and defines Himself in Scripture as the **TRUE AND LIVING GOD.** He says, *“I am the Lord and there is no other; besides Me there is no God”* (Isaiah 45:5). Furthermore, God’s Word reveals that the one true God eternally exists as **THREE DISTINCT PERSONS.**

# THE TRINITY

- The **DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY**. Though the fullness of the Trinity is far beyond human comprehension, it is unquestionably how God has revealed Himself in Scripture—**AS ONE GOD ETERNALLY EXISTING IN THREE PERSONS**.
- The Scriptures are clear that these *three persons together are one and only one God*. Notice (Deut. 6:4) *“Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!”*
- THE FATHER AND THE SON ARE ONE. Notice (JN. 10:30) *“I and the Father are one.”*
- THE FATHER AND THE SPIRIT ARE ONE. Notice (1 COR. 3:16) *“Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”*

- THE **SON** AND THE **SPIRIT** ARE ONE. Notice (ROM. 8:9) *“However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.”*
  - THE **FATHER**, **SON**, AND **SPIRIT** ARE ONE. Notice (JN. 14:16) *“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;”* The Bible makes it clear that God is one God (**not three**), but that **THE **ONE** GOD IS A **TRINITY** OF PERSONS**.
  - Therefore, God must be presented as *triune* if He is to be proclaimed faithfully. Additionally, the Trinity takes on great importance in the realm of **EVANGELISM** because all three Persons play distinct roles in the salvation of sinners.
1. THE **FATHER** ELECTS. (Eph. 1:3–6)
  2. THE **SON** REDEEMS. (Eph. 1:7–12)
  3. THE **HOLY SPIRIT** CONVICTS. (Jn.16:8), REGENERATES (Titus 3:5), and INDWELLS believers (Eph. 1:13–14).

# CREATOR AND JUDGE

- The Bible introduces the **TRIUNE GOD** as the **CREATOR** of all things, including **mankind** (Gen. 1). As such, He rightfully claims **ownership** of His creation (Psa. 50:10–12) and demands worship from us, His **creatures** (Ex. 20:2–5; Matt. 4:10) ***“Then Jesus said to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’ ”***
- But fallen humanity rebelliously refuses to worship the Creator. The open communion that should exist between God and man is now blocked by a wall of **DIVINE HOSTILITY**. Notice (Psa. 5:5) ***“The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all who do iniquity.”*** God’s just wrath toward sinners may be an unsavory subject for modern sensibilities, but it’s a **NECESSARY TRUTH** to awaken the spiritual complacency of our age. After all, aren’t we trying to win **SOULS TO THE SAVING KNOWLEDGE CHRIST**?????????????????

- While the **CHARACTER** and **NATURE** of God is an inexhaustible subject, the *evangelist must labor* to instill some sense of God's **supremacy** and **sovereignty** in the hearts of sinners. He must explain why they should tremble at the thought of their future day in God's courtroom. Notice (**Heb. 9:27**) ***"And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,"***

- Notice (**Psa. 111:10**) ***"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom..."*** Much of contemporary evangelism aims to arouse anything **but fear** of God in the mind of sinners. For example, ***"God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life,"*** is the opening line of the typical evangelistic appeal today. This kind of evangelism is far from the **image** of a **GOD WHO MUST BE FEARED**. The *remedy* for such thinking is the biblical truth of **GOD'S HOLINESS**.

# GOD IS HOLY

- Scripture ascribes its strongest superlative when it refers to God as ***“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”*** (Isaiah 6:3) Notice (Rev. 4:8) ***“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME.”***
- **PAUL WASHER** points out that God’s holiness ***“is not merely one attribute among many but is the very context in which all other divine attributes must be defined and understood.”*** Our evangelistic emphasis on God’s holiness is not meant to dispense (share) with His other attributes such as **love, mercy, and grace**. Rather, His other attributes find their most profound meaning **WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF GOD’S HOLINESS**.
- The word ***“HOLY”*** is translated from the Hebrew ***qadosh*** and refers to the otherness of God. As Creator, He transcends His creation and is utterly distinct from all that He has made. Regardless of size or splendor, nothing in creation even remotely approaches the **perfections of God**.

• SO, **WHY** IS IT SO **CRITICAL TO EXPLAIN** THAT THE CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE IS **HOLY**?

• Because we, in our sinful state, are the antithesis of everything He is. There is no greater dichotomy demonstrating our greatest need than the juxtaposition between a holy God and sinful men.

• God is utterly holy, and His law therefore *demand*s perfect holiness: ***“For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy”*** (Lev. 11:44–45).

• Even the **GOSPEL** requires His **HOLINESS**: ***“You shall be holy, for I am holy”*** (1 Pet. 1:16). ***“Without [holiness] no one will see the Lord”*** (Heb. 12:14, NKJV).

And because He is holy, **GOD HATES SIN!!!!!!!!!!!!**

# PUTTING GOD IN HIS *RIGHTFUL* PLACE

- When **BELIEVERS** think about God in terms of the gospel, we usually emphasize His **love** and **mercy**. And while those are vital attributes woven throughout the gospel, we must **NOT** make the mistake of neglecting **HIS TRIUNE NATURE, HIS SOVEREIGNTY OVER CREATION, and HIS HOLINESS**. Doing so frequently results in the proclamation of a **man-centered gospel**—one that portrays God as little more than a hero swooping in at the last minute to save the day **ON MAN'S TERM'S**.
- **THE TRUTH IS THAT SINNERS STAND IN GOD'S CROSSHAIRS**. Sinners are God's creation, and it is His law they have **violated**. God is the Savior only because He is the One from whom sinners need to be saved, for **"HE WILL BY NO MEANS LEAVE THE GUILTY UNPUNISHED"** (Exodus 34:7).
- When we put God at the center of the gospel, we gain a clear perspective on the **OFFENSE OF MAN'S SIN AND THE DEPTH OF HIS GUILT**.