



Easy Evangelism

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Part 8: New disciples

Most of our time in this training has been spent asking you to eschew fear & any other reason to stay silent & share your faith. We've spent time overcoming your own objections & even the objections of others. We've assured you that you're never alone & that when you open your mouth for the sake of the Gospel, the Holy Spirit will give you the words to speak & the results are always up to Him.

Let's consider for a moment that the unexpected happens in a divine appointment & that person says, "Yes, I want Jesus as my Lord & Savior." Once we get over our surprise & shock, what do we do next?

1. Finish line or starting point?

- Off course? Born out of a fervor to reach as many people as possible with the knowledge of Jesus came unintentional easy-believism.
- After the Second Great Awakening of the 18th & 19th centuries, came the desire to spread the Gospel far & wide.
- Born out of that movement came traveling evangelists who hosted tent revivals in towns & cities.

- By the 20th century, these were commonplace. Evangelists saw such a response that they had to create ways to deal with the crowds who were coming to the altar to receive Christ.
- A familiar phrase was born: *"Ask Jesus into your heart!"*
- Did you know that phrase is not found anywhere in the bible?
- The closest we can get is Romans 10:9; *"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."*
- Not a formula but a personal & public proclamation. It was dangerous to go around saying that 'Jesus is Lord' in the time of the writing of the book of Romans. A public confession was to take your life into your own hands.
- The heart was believed to be the center of the person, & synonymous with a full understanding of the finished work of Christ on our behalf.
- Well-meaning evangelists may have unintentionally assisted with false assurances of faith.
- Confession without transformation is not genuine faith.
- 2 Cor. 5:17; *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"* Transformation happens every time!
- Repentance is always the starting point.
- *Is it wrong to tell someone to ask Jesus into their heart?*
- We must impart an understanding that the race has just begun, not over.

2. Conversion or discipleship?

- Maturity & sanctification are the natural or supernatural results.
- We aren't seeking converted numbers but true Christ followers.
- If I can talk you into something, someone else can talk you out of it.
- Matt. 28:19-20a; *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."*
- Obedience only comes after true repentance & salvation.
- Salvation is a free gift, but it will cost you everything!
- Remember how we discussed buyer's remorse.
- Some who profess Christ, but resist His Lordship & aren't transformed or repentant, will go back to their old way of living.
- Remember the Parable of the Sower or the Rich, Young Ruler?

3. What to impart?

- Once someone has been redeemed, what should we teach them to obey?
- Several spiritual disciplines are key:
 - Personal disciplines: worship, prayer, bible reading/study, meditation on the Word, application of the Word, fasting, along with regular confession/repentance.
 - Corporate disciplines: worship, prayer, fellowship, shared life, accountability, teaching & being taught, bible studies, serving, missions, & giving.
 - Evangelism: yes, we must teach each new disciple to replicate themselves. To wash & repeat. That is how the Gospel is spread & how the church grows, there's no backup plan.



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