

Evangelism

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I. Introduction.

II. Jesus loves us just as we are. (Jeremiah 31:3, John 9:25)

III. Jesus loves everyone else just as much as He loves us. (I Timothy 2:4, II Peter 3:7, Romans 15:7)

A. Since Jesus received us just as we are, we are to receive others unconditionally also.

B. One must accept himself unconditionally in order to receive others unconditionally.

C. Some cannot tell the difference between the conviction of the Spirit, which is firm and specific (I John 1:9), and the accusation of the devil, which is vague.

IV. We are God's method of reaching other men and women. (II Corinthians 5:14)

A. Identification with people has to do with self-acceptance.

B. We need to be real with people to identify with them. (Luke 22:28)

C. Ask the Lord to enable you with people. (John 1:14, I Thessalonians 1:5-6)

V. Things one must do in evangelism.

A. Testimony.

1. One must be able to communicate his personal experience with Christ. (I John 1:3)

2. One must share what his life was like before Christ (B.C.), how one met Christ and one's personal testimony today. (Acts 26:1-28)

3. Write your testimony out, practice it and give it to a good friend for critique.

B. The gospel about who Jesus is, what He did and why He did it.

1. The Spirit testifies to the person and work of Jesus Christ. (John 15:26)

2. One must use the Bible because it is the sword of the Spirit. (Ephesians 4)

3. The man of the truth hears Jesus' voice. (John 18:37, II Thessalonians 2:10)

4. The bridge illustration.

a. Man is separated from God because of sin. (I Timothy 2:5-6, Romans 3:23)

b. The wages of sin is death and judgment. (Romans 6:23, Hebrews 9:27)

c. There are many false bridges: religion, good works (Isaiah 64:6), baptism, church membership, etc. (Romans 3:20)

d. The one that hears and believes Jesus Christ is saved. There is no condemnation in Jesus Christ. (John 5:24; 1:12; Revelation 3:20; Matthew 12:30; I Corinthians 15:3-4; 5:17)

Application questions:

1. How should God's love for us awaken our love for others?

2. What does it mean to identify with people?

3. Write out your testimony below and share it with a friend.
