

CALL to PRAYER

Pray for courage to clearly give the gospel - Eph. 6:19--20

Intro - Today we are going to talk about evangelism.... the message and method of evangelism. All Christians have a duty to evangelize. We all do not have the gift of evangelism, but we all should evangelize. *Example* - I may not have the gift of hospitality, but I should be hospitable (There is no gift of grumpiness and there is no gift of silence about our Savior). So, in some way or another, every believer should be about evangelism. But what is evangelism and how do we go about doing it? Today we will touch on the essential message as well as try to give some practical help for a personal method of evangelism. The text I am about to read is when Jesus shows His Deity by casting out the Legion of demons. Our Lord is gracious to a man who is captive by sin & Satan and He sets him free. The newly saved man is drastically changed and extremely grateful. He begs Jesus to let him join the group of disciples, but Jesus refuses him. Jesus sends him home to tell his family the great things God did for him. (This same duty of evangelism is given to us)

Luke 8:26-39 - Definitions 29 - What is Evangelism?**THE MESSAGE**

- *Evangel* = good news/gospel *Evangelism* = spreading the good news
 - 4 Gospels by 4 Evangelist....all about Jesus Christ **JESUS IS THE GOSPEL**
 - The Message centers on the Person & Work of Jesus Christ
 - This is important because what you win them with is what you win them to
 - Evangelism is when we talk about who Jesus is and what Jesus did
 - Jesus is the Eternal God who became flesh to redeem sinners by His perfect life, His substitutionary death & His glorious resurrection.
- Jesus is the *Good News* and we are the *Bad News* (true evangelism must include both)
 - Matt. 1:21 Luke 5:31-32 1 Cor. 15:3-4
 - The gospel says, "*we are not good*" ^{Rom. 3:10-12} but Jesus will give us all His goodness and pay for all our badness. the "Gospel Swap" 2 Cor. 5:21
 - Jesus is everything we are not and He will give us all that He is
- Jesus on Evangelism (how He did it)
 - Nick Jesus tells the religious elite (and everyone else) that they must have new life (John 3)
 - Born again....need the creative work of God...new heart (Ezek. 36:26-27)...
 - "The Truth" (song by Megan Woods) "*The truth is I am my Father's child. I make Him proud I make Him smile. I was made in the image of the perfect King. He looks at me and wouldn't change a thing*"
 - Wrong! - as fallen sinners we must be born again and be made new (Only Jesus makes God smile)
 - Woman at well - Jesus confronts her with her need as sinner and His provision as Savior. (John 4)
 - "*Go call your husband...*" the message of salvation addresses the sin we need saved from
 - Her evangelism became - "*Come see the man who told me all I ever did...*"
 - Rich man - Jesus used the Law to challenge the man's perceived "goodness"
 - Matt. 19:16-19 "Noone is good but God alone" is where the gospel presentation starts
 - Romans 3:20 (2025 Life Way - 66% of evangelicals -man is good by nature/ 74%- born innocent)
 - Gal. 3:24 Law & Gospel are partners in evangelism

