

Evangelism Should be Reconnecting People with Their Creator

That's what evangelism **should** be about.

Standard evangelical evangelism is a religious activity based in legalism. It's justified with 'chapter and verse', but we need to look at it from the Trinity's perspective – the Creator's perspective. Evangelism is not about saving people from their sins. It's an invitation to bring them back into the Kingdom and into Father's family where they were before The Fall. In relation to the core needs people have, it's reconnecting them with their Creator, something they're all subconsciously wanting.

Every single person's spirit was created before the creation of the physical universe and each of them was in Father's presence before they were released into the body they inhabit at present. When they were born, their focus transferred to the natural realm and off the spiritual realm. Their thoughts and desires since birth have been influenced by society, their home, school and their cares and the concerns of life. One factor we miss as a source of influence is that the enemy whispers in their ears from the time they were born, speaking lies to them. They receive these whispers as truth, or they acknowledge them and they are established as personal truths. Consequently by the time a person reaches the age of six or so, when they're in a state of mind to be able to receive the Gospel, the lies and untruths they believe need to be over-ridden or removed so the reality of the Kingdom becomes a revelation in their heart and mind.

One thing we do know is that every person has a "God hole" ("God space" or "God vacuum") inside them, a place where their Creator was designed to reside. Consequently every person goes on a spiritual journey, of one level or another, to meet the need of this missing, nebulous spiritual 'factor'. This can be a driving force with some, incidental for others, and irrelevant for others. However, most people have been programmed by the world system in evolution, atheism and secularism, which dampens that desire to find the solution to the "hole" by creating a barrier to spirituality.

This need in every single person to be reconnected back to their Creator is the big picture of where evangelism needs to be focused. It must become the good news (Gospel) we initially present to them, not salvation. After all, 'evangelise' comes from the Greek *euaggelizō* (εὐαγγελίζω) meaning to 'announce good news' or 'bring good tidings', not to bring fear and condemnation. It was the word that came to mean 'preach the gospel' in early days.

People who are genuinely on a spiritual journey need to be spoken to about how they can connect to their Creator. And, on top of that, they need to be told that their Creator will come and live inside them, living his life in them and through them. This can only happen once they are joined back to their Source.

This is **positive evangelism** rather than the fear-mongering evangelism that's currently being practised. The current method using fear of punishment does not properly promote Father's overwhelming love. To refer to his love, we tack on John 3:16 and make his love something that he did in the past. Right at this very moment, Father is passionately loving towards all humanity (all creation, actually), so we need to speak out of that reality. We must present the good news of a positive transition to the Kingdom as an adoption back into Father's family.

Everything about the Kingdom is positive and should be presented as positive, good news to everyone. They should be flocking in, not turning their backs on the invitation because it's presented negatively.

Here's some starting points for those who don't get what I'm proposing:

(1) In the 1st century, the gospel, as far as the first Jewish believers were concerned, was connecting properly with 'The Word' himself.¹ This was what they conveyed to those who were waiting for WHWH to reveal himself to the world. This is the gospel we've lost because Christians adopted Greek thinking

1 – "The 1st Century Gospel of the Kingdom"

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centuries ago and applied it to their understanding of spiritual matters, creating theology.²

(2) Timothy wrote the following:

1 Timothy 1:11 (The Emphasized Bible) – *The glad-message of the glory, of the happy God.*

Notice how it's translated from the right perspective and emphasised properly, rather than translated through evangelical 'glasses'.

(3) Paul wrote this:

2 Corinthians 5:13 (NKJV) – *For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God...*

The word translated "beside ourselves" from the Greek is *existēmi* (ἐξίστημι). The Passion Translation foot note states the following about *existēmi*:

*"The Greek word existēmi means to be outside of one's self in a state of blissful ecstasy and filled with pleasure. It is to come into another state of consciousness of being lost in wonder and amazement."*³

'Ecstasy' is the correct word to translate *existēmi* in an English Bible because of its derivation (etymology). Ecstasy comes from:

*"Old French estaise ("ecstasy, rapture"), from Latin ecstasis, from Ancient Greek ἔκστασις (ékstasis), from ἐξίστημι (existēmi, "I displace"), from ἐκ (ek, "out") and ἵστημι (hístēmi, "I stand")"*⁴

So, here's what Paul was trying to convey to his readers:

2 Corinthians 5:13 (TPT) – *If we are out of our minds in a blissful, divine ecstasy, it is for God...*

Now that's different. That's the message, the great news, everyone wants to hear. I don't know of any person who wouldn't want a blissful existence.

Why aren't we presenting this good news to people?⁵ It's mainly because we haven't learnt to live ecstatically in the Trinity's presence, so we don't know it's available to everyone.

It's time to change how we present the message of the Kingdom to people.

Evangelism must align with reality, not religion.

Here's a view of the need to help people meet the "real God", not to engage in religion or fear. It's from Mike Parson's blogging which comes from what Father has said to him:

"If He is inviting us to get to know the real God, what God did we think we knew? Is it possible that we have been seeing and presenting a false image of Him all this time? If so, we have only been introducing new believers to the same false image we have been worshipping. And if the world has rejected that image of God (and often, it has), then what might happen when we present the true nature of God, when we 'show and tell' what He is really like? We need to meet Him and experience Him for ourselves. Then what we are offering people will not be some theoretical, theological perspective and doctrine, but a real relationship with a living God. And that is what the world needs; like us it needs to meet the real God, not the image that has been painted of Him up to now...

The principle is that we will be transformed into what we behold: if we see God as angry and vengeful, looking for every opportunity to pounce on us and strike us down when we get out of line, then we will

2 – "The Lost Gospel of the Kingdom" canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/The-Lost-Gospel-of-the-Kingdom.pdf

3 – classic.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+5%3A13&version=TPT#en-TPT-10205

4 – en.wiktionary.org/wiki/ecstasy

5 – "The Gospel is Also About BLISS" canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/The-Gospel-is-Also-About-BLISS.pdf

*display the same traits ourselves. So even as we look to unmask what Brad Jersak calls 'the toxic representations of God' so prevalent in the traditional church (and therefore in secular western society), we have to be careful to operate in love towards those we enter into discussion with. We can only do this if we are beholding the real God. The leaven of the Pharisees and Herod is still working its way through the lump: religious and political spirits love dispute. By seeing and revealing the truth and operating in love we can help people to engage God themselves rather than feeling they have to engage in argument."*⁶

IMPORTANT: Take note of how Father treated the lost son in the parable of the 'Prodigal Son'. He lovingly and excitedly welcomed him back and immediately restored his sonship. He passed no judgement on him, nor was there any punishment for his rebellion and failures as a son. This analogy was given by Jesus to describe Father's attitude to his lost sons out there in the world (those who are outside of his family) and those sons who are already connected to him (those who have come back into his family).

To get the full impact of the ecstasy of being connected to the Trinity, watch this video of Justin Abraham teaching on the ecstatic enjoyment (bliss) of living connected to Father:

VIDEO: "Mystic Union | Inner Bliss | Justin Paul Abraham" www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8y1MhpkrIE

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