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The Benefits of Personal Evangelism ***Sam Willcut***

The fact that Christians are to recognize their mission of evangelism is undeniable (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16). Yet, it is easy for us to forget. Often, factors such as discouragement keep us from excelling or even abounding in our valiant efforts of such. Nevertheless, in order to be successful, we must change our level of triumph from conversions to the number of people we teach. We must continue to cultivate a passion for lost souls, and we must always see that spiritual death is far worse than physical death. In other words, with a few tweaks of thought and purpose, we can begin to see benefits of evangelism.

One benefit is that we will be as Christ. While on earth, Jesus was a soul winner. When He was not preaching to the multitudes, He was speaking to individuals about the condition of their souls—a woman of Samaria (John 4), Zacchaeus (Luke 19), and such like. Jesus said, “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10). Therefore, when we are evangelistic soul winners, we will be as Christ.

Another benefit is that we will be wise. In commissioning His apostles for their task of preaching (evangelizing), Jesus told them, “...be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves” (Matt. 10:16). Daniel records, “And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever” (Dan. 12:3). Wisdom increases as we take the knowledge of the word of God and put it into practice, which translates into experience.

A third benefit is that we will become fruitful. The Bible often categorizes the Christian life as developing fruit. While many references include the development of proper attitudes of godliness and true character (cf. Gal. 5:22-23), another such method of doing so is evangelism. The apostle Paul looked upon those whom he taught and led to their conversion to Christ as being his fruit (cf. Rom. 1:13; Phil. 1:22; Col. 1:6).

In addition, we benefit from evangelism by increasing our knowledge of the Bible (cf. Col. 1:10). Being an effective soul winner calls for diligent study of the scriptures for the purpose of exposing false doctrines taught in the religious world and effective communication of the pure and unadulterated gospel of Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 3:18).

A fifth benefit of evangelism is that we know that our labor is not in vain. While we may not see immediate results of our teaching, we know that we are not sowing the word of God in vain (cf. Isa. 55:11). In addition, we understand that our role is simply to be a sower of the word—it is God that will provide the growth and increase (1 Cor. 3:6). Therefore, we can continue to abound in such a blessed work of the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58).

A final benefit of evangelism is that we will be pulling lost souls from the fires of hell—“And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire...” (Jude 1:23). Of a soul winner, one could never say, “You never mentioned him to me.” Therefore, soul winners strive to save the souls of men and women from the clutches of Satan. “Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins” (James 5:19-20).

May we all see the benefits of personal evangelism, changing our attitudes and molding our purpose along the way, so that above all, God may receive the glory!

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Carolyn Callis
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Phillip Mullins, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis
Gaylon & Betty Cooper
Carleton Kidder, Shirley Puckett

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Allen Thompson, Glenn Lovell,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Marilyn Ferrell,
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster,
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone,
Margaret Davis

Today's Sermons

AM - Salvation - Evangelism
Acts 16:29-30

PM - God is On My Side
Romans 8:31-39

Happenings

South Jackson

March 17

Men's Business Meeting
following AM Service

Fifth Sunday Services

March 31

AM - Greg Long
PM - Special Song Service
There will be no potluck meal.
PM service will start at 1:00 PM

Cards to Send

Lisa Dukes
36 Brookfield Drive
Oakfield, TN 38362

Freeman & Sheila Kidder
95 Sugar Creek Drive
Henderson, TN 38340

Weekly Record

6 AM	4
Bible Class	46/20
AM Worship	83/25
PM Worship	48/12
Wed Bible Study	52/4
Contribution	3163
Budget	4014

Those Privileged to Serve

Mar 10 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - M. Wages, J. Smith

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jeff Bliss

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jonathan Orr

Communion: Mike Wages

Contribution:

Jerry Butcher

Mar 17 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Charlie Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Marion Thomas

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Paul Hatcher

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Sermon: TBA

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Mike Wages

Mar 13 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Devo - Marion Thomas

Mar 20 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Mike Wages

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - Fox 16	9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM