

KINGDOM LIFE -5

“OBEDIENT TO THE VISION”

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EVANGELISM IS A VISION FROM HEAVEN.

Acts 26:17-20 *“Yes, I am sending you to the Gentiles to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God’s people, who are set apart by faith in me.’ And so, King Agrippa, I obeyed that vision from heaven. I preached first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that all must repent of their sins and turn to God.” (NLT)*

Evangelism Will Open People’s Eyes to . . .

- a. Turn them from darkness to light.
- b. Turn them from Satan to God.
- c. Prepare them to receive God’s forgiveness.
- d. Lead them to God’s Kingdom.

FOUR REASONS FOR EVANGELISM

1. Christ’s Love Motivates Us.

2 Cor. 5:14,15 *For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that . . . he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him.* (NIV)

2. We Obey Jesus’ Command.

Mark 16:15 *And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere.” (NLT)*

Mark 16:17-18 *“These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won’t hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed.” (NLT)*

Rom. 15:18-19 *Yet I dare not boast about anything except what Christ has done through me, bringing the Gentiles to God by my message and by the way I worked among them. They were convinced by the power of miraculous signs and wonders*

and by the power of God’s Spirit. In this way, I have fully presented the Good News of Christ from Jerusalem all the way to Illyricum. (NLT)

3. Christ Is the Only Hope of Lost People.

Acts 4:12 *“Jesus is the only One who can save people. His name is the only power in the world that has been given to save people. We must be saved through him.” (NCV)*

John 3:16 *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (NKJV)*

4. People Need the Good News.

John 10:10 *“The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.” (NLT)*

John 4:35,36 *“I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.” (NIV)*

TRUE EVANGELISM MEANS WAR.

Eph. 6:12 *For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. (NLT)*

2 Cor. 4:4 *Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don’t understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. (NLT)*

2 Cor. 10:3-5 *We are human, but we don’t wage war as humans do. We use God’s mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments. We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ. (NLT)*

Zeph. 3:17 *“The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.” (NRSV)*

Joshua 1:5,9 *“No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you . . . This is my command – be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.” (NLT)*