

Pre-evangelism

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Post-evangelism →

The “Go” in the gospel

The gospel to every individual & people group

The gospel into all of life

## EVANGELISM

What does evangelism consist of?

1. Giving our testimony
2. Sharing the gospel
3. Our mission – the great commission.

## GIVING OUR TESTIMONY (STORY)

**Acts 4:13** Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, **they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.**

**Acts 17:5** But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

**Acts 17:6** And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, **These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;**

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

**1 Peter 4:2** That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. **1 Peter 4:3** For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: **1 Peter 4:4** Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

**Acts 22:1** Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence which I make now unto you. **Acts 22:2** (And when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,) **Acts 22:3** I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day. **Acts 22:4** And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women. **Acts 22:5** As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished. **Acts 22:6** And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, **suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.** **Acts 22:7** And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?** **Acts 22:8** And I answered, **Who art thou, Lord?** And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.

**Acts 26:1** Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself: **Acts 26:2** I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews: **Acts 26:3** Especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.

**Acts 26:4** My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, **know all the Jews;** **Acts 26:5** Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

**Acts 26:10** Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them. **Acts 26:11** And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities. **Acts 26:12** Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, **Acts 26:13** At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me. **Acts 26:14** And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.** **Acts 26:15** And I said, **Who art thou, Lord?**

And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. **Acts 26:16** But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; **Acts 26:17** Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, **Acts 26:18** To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. **Acts 26:19** Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: **Acts 26:20** But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

**Galatians 1:13** For ye have heard of my conversation **in time past** in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure **I persecuted** the church of God, and wasted it: **Galatians 1:14** And **profited** in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. **Galatians 1:15** But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, **Galatians 1:16** To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

**Philippians 3:5** Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; **Philippians 3:6** Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

**Philippians 3:7** But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. **Philippians 3:8** Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but **dung** (σκύβαλα), that I may win Christ, **Philippians 3:9** And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

### **Benefits of giving your testimony:**

- **Everyone has a testimony**
- **Everyone has the same testimony**
- **Everyone **also** has a different testimony**

## **5 LETTERS, 3 LETTERS THE SAME!**

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**Remember: everyone has a testimony.**

**However, everyone has a different testimony.**

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**Galatians 6:14** But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

**Philippians 3:4** Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: **Philippians 3:5** Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; **Philippians 3:6** Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. **Philippians 3:7** But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. **Philippians 3:8** Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, **Philippians 3:9** And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

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## AC: After Christ

**2 Timothy 1:12** For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: **for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.**

**Romans 8:35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? **Romans 8:36** As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

**Romans 8:37** Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. **Romans 8:38** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **Romans 8:39** Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Another way of describing this is a “Reverse Testimony.”

**1 Peter 3:15** But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

## A. You are different!!!

This must **not** be from our weirdness or hatefulness or rudeness or....

**This can be seen today in many ways (somewhat dependent upon social class &/ setting):**

- **Praying / giving thanks at meals**
- **Basic demeanor**
- **Lack of gossip**
- **Lack of complaining & griping**
- **Lack of hate &/ hatred**
- **Hard work**
- **Spirit of excellence**
- **A merry heart**
- **Our conversation**
- **Relationships with the people you work with**

Weirdness won't work

Negatives won't work in many settings (I don't smoke!)

## B. Why are you different???

**People will want to know why. In fact, people must know why.**

In my experience, people asked me about everything...

## C. Christ makes me different! | Christ makes the difference!

**John 17:2** As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. **John 17:3** And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

**Ephesians 5:2** And walk in love, **as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.**

**Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, **even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; Ephesians 5:26** That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, **Ephesians 5:27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

**REMEMBER: WHAT CHRIST SAVED YOU FROM / KEPT YOU FROM IS JUST AS MIRACULOUS AS WHAT CHRIST SAVED YOU OUT OF!!!**