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## THE OPERATION OF EVANGELISM

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# **The Effective Efforts and Essentials for Reaching the Lost**



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# **Evangelism is the preaching, sharing, witnessing, communication of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to hearers with the intention of leading them to place saving faith in Christ Jesus.**

There are many moving parts that make up the operation of evangelism, just as there are many cogs, pulleys, belts etc. that work together in a car's engine there is a theological system that must be in place to qualify as biblical evangelism.

I want to share with you six headings from this passage of scripture that you ought to write down in the margins of your bible and memorize for future evangelistic endeavors. First off we must understand that everything that has evangelism on its cover does not have it in its contents! Inflatables, pony rides, basketball tournaments, cookouts, etc. are at best fluff and glitter that can only entertain...and not evangelize. The first necessity that is mandated in scripture is...

## **Proclamation of the Jesus Lord Christ**

And again he entered into Capernaum, after *some* days; and it was noised that he was in the house. <sup>2</sup> And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive *them*, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them. <sup>1</sup>

The scriptural template requires the bad news must be pointed out before the good news is proclaimed See Rom. 1-3

## **Observation of the lost**

As believers we must be **CONCERNED** and **SENSITIVE** to observe those in our concentric circles of contacts as well as those who cross our paths i.e. at work, and in community, etc.

## **Cooperation**

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<sup>1</sup> [\*The Holy Bible: King James Version\*](#) (Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version., Mk 2:1-2). (2009). Logos Research Systems, Inc.

Alex Haley had a painting in his office of a turtle sitting on a fence post. When asked the meaning of the painting, Haley said “If you see a turtle on a fence post you know he had some help getting there.” Despite who you are, where you, or how important you are to the church someone at some point helped you meet Jesus. It requires cooperation that is an...

**a. INCLUSIVE EFFORTS**

Saved men and women, churches with churches, associations and para church organizations working together. (Eph.4)

1. We are not **COMPETITORS**
2. We are **CO-LABORERS** together with Christ,

1 Cor. 3:5-9<sup>5</sup> Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? <sup>6</sup>I have planted, <sup>o</sup>Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. <sup>7</sup>So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. <sup>8</sup>Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. <sup>9</sup>For we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, *ye are* God’s building<sup>2</sup>

- b. **EXCLUSIVE** -this type of cooperation is limited to only the blood bought, blood washed baptized believers.

## Innovation

By innovation it is meant that out of the box forward thinking that’s not limited by PAST MAPS, MODELS or METHODS but remains anchored to the almighty. Innovation moves beyond barriers and bridges the gap between problem and solution e.g., Jonah’s undersea Uber, Noah’s, Ark both checks the box as evangelistic innovation.

## Salvation

is used of the deliverance of the Israelites from the Egyptians (Ex. 14:13), and of deliverance generally from evil or danger. In the New Testament it is specially used with reference to the

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great deliverance from the guilt and the pollution of sin wrought out by Jesus Christ, “the great salvation” (Heb. 2:3).<sup>3</sup>

Mark 2:5 “When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the sick of the Palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.”

The brokenness that this man and that all men experience is because of sin!

**Sin carries a death sentence**, John 8:34 says “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sin.”

**Sin affects our standing sick**, Psalms 38:3 “There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of sin.”

**Sin makes us soiled**, Psalms 51:2 “ Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.”

Salvation restores the relationship between man and God through the finished work of Christ at Calvary.

## Obligation

We have a weighty obligation to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the lost...

a. b/c of our obedience to **God**

Matthew 28:19-20

b. b/c of **the OPERATION** of God

Christ left His home in glory because of our brokenness and inability to bring ourselves. (Ephesians 2:1-6)

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<sup>3</sup> Easton, M. G. (1893). In [\*Illustrated Bible Dictionary and Treasury of Biblical History, Biography, Geography, Doctrine, and Literature\*](#) (pp. 595–596). Harper & Brothers.