

The Mystery of Evangelism

A seed with life will definitely grow and bear fruits when given a suitable environment. It is also the case for a saint who had born again. As long as he continues to hunger for God's Word and guidance of the Holy Spirit, his life will definitely grow and he too can bear fruits. Internally, he will receive the fruits of sanctification and power. Externally, he will also bear fruits of evangelism. "Evangelising" is not a mechanical task that "Christians must do for the sake of doing". It is rather the natural expression of a person's life after knowing and experiencing God, and is an amazing work of the Holy Spirit.

1. A lot of misconception towards Evangelism

- 1) Misconception that: it is just one out of the many activities in church
- 2) Misconception that: it is a type of ministry which has to be specially allocated time and done in a designated location
- 3) Misconception that: only those who are gifted in evangelism or those who had undergone training can do it
- 4) Misconception that: only those who are more zealous or caring can do it
- 5) Misconception that: it is a task to convince others
- 6) Misconception that: evangelism is whenever one is being "brought to the church" or "led to say the sinners prayer"

2. If one can have the correct motive before evangelising, he will receive the authority that God bestows

- 1) The evangelism motive one receive from the assurance in where he belongs (heavenly kingdom) as well as the directions and purpose of his life <1Pe 2:9>
- 2) The evangelism motive one receive from assured faith in the "power of the Gospel" and has also experienced it <Ro 1:16>
- 3) The evangelism motive one receive after seeing clearly "the plight of all who are separated from God are helpless and harassed in all things" <Mt 9:35-38>
- 4) The evangelism motive one receive after discovering that he is surrounded by God prepared souls who are hunger and thirsty for righteousness <Mt 5:1-11>
- 5) The evangelism motive one receive after knowing that evangelism is the work of God and he is an instrument used and thus, willingly submit <Ac 10:1-48>
- 6) The evangelism motive one receive after discovering God's concrete plan and timetable <Ac 16:12-38>

3. When the contents of Evangelism are clearly assured, the Holy Spirit will work with greater strength

- 1) The principle of man's creation <Ge 1:27-28>
- 2) After Adam sinned, he and all his descendents had received upon themselves "three fundamental problems" (separation from God, sin, Satan) <Eph 2:1-3>
- 3) Those who are separated from God must surely face the "six major problems" <Ge 3:1-6; 1Co 10:20; Mt 11:28; Ge 3:16-19; Heb 9:27; Ex 20:4-5>
- 4) The only way through Jesus Christ and His cross <Jn 14:6; Ro 8:1-2; 1Jn 3:8>
- 5) Confession, repentance and willingness to die and resurrect with Christ <Ro 6:1-11>
- 6) The mystery of having the opportunity to hear and accept the Gospel (God's chosen, God's love, God's doing) <Eph 2:8-10>

- 7) All the changes and blessings that comes after one is saved and born again <2Co 5:17; Ep 1:15-23>

4. The ministry of evangelism is a natural activity of a saint who constantly enjoy the power of the gospel

- 1) <Ac 1:1-11> → God's Word, Christ's death and resurrection, Holy Spirit, descending of the heavenly kingdom, life direction, return of Christ
- 2) <Ac 1:13-14> → Grabbed hold of the practical covenant to pray
- 3) <Ac 2:1-13> → Filled by the Holy Spirit, doors of evangelism opened
- 4) <Ac 2:5-47> → Evangelising and bearing fruits, continuously caring and living with other parts of Christ's body

5. The task of nurturing after evangelism is more important

- 1) Teaching about how to receive the assurance as God's children <1Jn 5:12-13; Ro 10:13-17; 1Co 12:3>
- 2) Teaching about the principle of living after having born again <Ro 7:6; Ro 8:1-39; Jn 2:1-10>
- 3) Teaching about the mystery of God's Word and the Holy Spirit <Eph 1:13-14; Jn 14:26>
- 4) Teaching about the mystery of prayers and thus enabling one to experience deeper communication with God <Jn 4:24; Mt 6:9-15>
- 5) Teaching about the importance of church worship services and living with other parts of Christ's body as well as helping him to get involve in the church and enjoy living with other parts of Christ's body <Eph 4:1-15>
- 6) Teaching about how to bless others through life experiences and with God's grace <Ac 1:8>