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* Evangelism

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The subject of my message this afternoon is evangelism. By evangelism I mean the attempt, by any scriptural means, to bring men to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. In these days, we observe that much is offered in the name of evangelism, which in the final analysis, is not evangelism at all. What is offered is not evangelism for the following reasons: First, it does not make Christ and his atoning work the basis of salvation. Second, it fails to meet man's deepest need, i.e. the satisfaction of his spiritual nature. Third, it defines salvation more in terms of social readjustment than in terms of heart and soul transformation.

Note with me that the church of Jesus Christ was built by evangelism, has survived the ages by evangelism, will triumph in the future by evangelism—the kind of evangelism that exalts Jesus Christ, that debases the sinner, that calls men to repentance, and that is characterized by the mighty presence of God's Holy Spirit. O that today the church of Jesus Christ might experience an old-fashioned revival, brought about by old-fashioned evangelism!

If you do not care for the use of the word "old-fashioned", thinking perhaps that in this modern day the church should be offering a more up-to-date approach, just remember with me that sin has never changed, human nature has never changed, the provision of Calvary's cross has never changed. The old-fashioned way is the modern way.

Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me." Peter said in Acts 4:12: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Paul said to the Philippian jailer: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Here is the method of true evangelism. There is none other! The church today does not need a new method. It needs a new motivation. It does not need a new program. It needs a new power. It is tragically true that at a time when multitudes are ready to be born into the kingdom of God, the church has not strength to bring forth.

Notice with me three things concerning true evangelism. First the **motive** of evangelism must ever be love. It was love that caused a Holy God to plan a way of redemption for a lost race. It was love that sent Christ to earth to take upon himself the form of a servant. Love made Christ obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. It was love for the souls

of men that motivated the fearless evangelism of Saint Paul. Love for lost souls sent Carey to India, Livingstone to Africa. It was love for souls that caused the blood of martyrs to flow in every corner of the earth.

O that today we might be possessed with a new love for the souls of men. That we might sense a new urgency in getting the gospel out by every available means.

If we have no love for lost souls, we have no motive for evangelism. Without love, there is no urgency, no categorical imperative which rests upon us to go out into the highways and the byways and compel them to come in. May God grip us with such a mighty passion and love for souls that we shall find ourselves staggering beneath the burden.

Notice again that the message of evangelism is a message of good news, a message of power, a miraculous message, a message of deliverance and freedom, peace and a clean conscience. The message of evangelism is that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and that he is able to save to the uttermost them that come unto him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

The message is that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, but that God hath laid on him, Jesus Christ, the iniquity of us all. The song writer has expressed it well by saying, "Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me."

The message of evangelism is a glorious one. Let us give it out to all men.

Finally, the **mission** of evangelism. Here is revealed the great eternal purpose of God and the central truth of all scripture—the redemption of humanity through Jesus Christ. Apart from God man is lost and damned. By nature man is prone to sin and iniquity. Thus man needs to be saved. Here is the mission of evangelism. It is for the purpose of saving man from damnation and saving him to eternal life; for the purpose of saving man from iniquity and bondage, and saving him to righteousness and liberty.

What a mission has evangelism! The saving of never dying souls is the greatest work in the world.

Let us today as churches, as pastors, and all of us as individuals get into the harness and go to work at the task of evangelism. Let our motive be love. Let our message be Jesus Christ. Let our mission be "Every man for Christ."

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"It is good to check up once in a while, and make sure you have not lost the things that money cannot buy."

The Conqueror's Secret

By J. M. Byars

There is a way to live among irritating circumstances without being crushed by them. Christ is ever ready to give victory regardless of irritation. It is His business to save to the uttermost whenever He finds a willing subject. When you find yourself under stress and strain almost to the point of exasperation turn to Jesus. He will teach you how to "fret not thyself."

If your circumstances seem greater than you can bear, to avoid being crushed in spirit throw yourself on God. Abiding fellowship with Him will enable you to have glorious victory. Hide with Christ in God, you may be "troubled on every side, yet not distressed; perplexed but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed."

There is a way for soul peace. Lack of peace with God is caused by a sense of guilt. Unless pardoned, guilt will either lead to callousness of soul or confused uncertainty which inevitably leads to irresolution. All doubts, confusion and indetermination will fade away when we accept God and His Word as our final authority.

Accepting God's judgments as the governing law of your life will keep your beliefs parallel with His will. Peace always comes to the heart that is in agreement with God. It is not possible to be in agreement with God unless you are ready to do anything He asks. Are you willing to tithe; are you willing to teach a Sunday-school class? Are you willing to be a witness for Him? Are you willing to stop talking about others and mind your own business? To have the peace of God is worth paying the price He asks.

There is a way by which we can resist all fear and face disaster without terror. The bravest must face spiritual battles which would be terrifying if faced alone. The snares Satan has set for us may not be seen with the natural eye but they are as real as God Himself. The soul is constantly in danger of becoming ensnared by worldliness, of being slandered by enemies, of falling into the pit of self pity, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. In the face of these snares soul disaster is certain without God's help.

When called upon to face things that are fearful remember our heavenly Father's words: "Fear thou not for I am with thee. Be not dismayed for I am thy God." When the way is hard and rough ask yourself, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" When we meditate on God, life's problems become simpler and less threatening. When we know God is in control fear and terror vanish.

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