

BLOG 102 A. Pre evangelism.

Before we can truly help others, we need to understand who we are as Christians & how evangelism fits into our lives? So, what does being a Christian mean? What about an evangelist? A Minister? A Baptizer? The term Christian essentially means follower of Christ. The disciples were first called Christians In Acts 11:26 at Antioch & knew what John was saying, in Jn 5:30, By myself I can do nothing... for I seek not to please myself, but Him who sent me & this should become our primary goal.

The term evangelical comes from the Greek word that means, good news. So, evangelism is sharing the good news, of the salvation that is available through Christ. So an evangelical, is a person dedicated to promoting the good news about Christ, and as such an, Evangelical Christian, is a believer in Jesus Christ who is faithful in sharing and promoting the Good News & Authority of Scripture, e.g Salvation by Grace, through the Faith of Christ.

Think about the following in relation to obedience to God; Lord, I know in Mark 16:15, that you command us to go out & preach the gospel to all, but I believe I can do good if I stay here & pray. I know that you have chosen us all to preach, to help save those who believe, but I prefer to stay here & pray, & I know that the bible asks, how will they hear, without us preaching? but I can stay here & pray hard; why? because it sure is easier, to talk to God about people; than it is to talk to people, about God? & though prayer is always a good thing & a way to spend time with God, we are still to also walk the walk of evangelism, as God commanded!

What if Christ had just chosen to only pray for us? How might this relate to Christ's obedience in Luke 22:42, Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not My will, but Yours be done, which was in reference to the suffering & anguish Jesus was about to endure, for our salvation, knowing that He could choose to just stay here & pray; He even prays, if at all possible, let this cup (crucifixion) pass from Me, but stands firm to let God's will be done, even at the cost of His suffering.

Jesus's role, as the son of God was to save the sinner, by dying for us, which God affirmed. Our role as adopted sons & daughters of God, is evangelizing & teaching all, in a society leaning away from God's protection, about why Jesus did what He did, as well as how to become a part of His family, before it is too late. We are

expected to reach out, to the lost, with biblical education, truth & love, as God affirmed.

Do you think that God's intimate knowledge of Jeremiah, could apply to us as well? Jeremiah 1:5, Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations & he said, I do not know how to speak; I am too young. But the LORD said, do not say, I am too young, you must go to everyone I send you to & say whatever I command you, do not be afraid of them, for I am with you & will rescue you, declares the LORD. Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth & said to me, I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations & kingdoms to uproot & tear down, destroy & overthrow, to build & to plant. So stand strong in Christ & do as commanded by God & spread His message & love, daily, to the multitudes & get ready to be blessed beyond belief for allowing Him to work through you.