

102C. Evangelizing not a religious event.

Evangelism is a way of life which involves spreading "the Good News" of Biblical Gospel truths, as brought to us by a God, who loves us deeply, but thoroughly hates sin & must judge unbelief harshly.

Now true Evangelism does not involve just telling people that God loves them & falsely claiming that God has a wonderful plan for their mortal life on this earth, as that is not biblical.

We are called to show people why we must understand God's law & truth & what it's true purpose for man is, while also teaching what fearing God truly represents, from the ultimate judge of our eternity.

In other word's we must not short change, nor sugar coat salvation, by just teaching people about the true love of Christ, while bypassing its purpose, of covering the judgement of God, or we may be leading ourselves & others right into the lake of fire, by not allowing them to see for themselves why we all need a savior.

It is vitally important that we understand why Jesus was sent, as well as understanding the true meaning of "the fear of the Lord", as many unbelievers are unknowingly facing the very real pits of hell, as are a great many false converts, who sit in the pews thinking that an all loving God has them covered, as they have convinced themselves that they are God fearing Christians, but haven't proven themselves to our Just & Righteous God, who is angry with & despises laziness & sin & it is time for all people to come back to realizing this, so that they will once again seek the fear, to be able to accept the cure, to what has the possibility to condemn them. It must be realized that a person can acknowledge Christ & truly not know Him & therefore not be truly saved, especially if there is no evident change of lifestyle, Matthew 7:22-23.

Jesus says that many people will say that they know Him, that they attended church & studied about Him, on the days they had free & were basically good people; but His response will be, depart from Me, I never knew you.

It's vital to realize that knowing God & having a relationship with Him, are two completely different things, with two different outcomes. You can know about & study about most anybody, but without a personal relationship, if asked, they will not know you. Jesus says in Matthew 7:23, every tree that does not bear good fruit, will be cut down & thrown into the fire. Therefore, by your fruit you will be known. Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father, shall.

You should acknowledge that the fear of the Lord, is more than mere respect, or reverence; though these are part of it, but there is much more to understand, which may be why the word fear, in reference to God, should not be taken lightly, as it is used over 300 times in the Bible. Jesus even said in Matthew 10:28, don't fear those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul, fear only God who can destroy both your body & soul.

We can be assured through scripture that this fear is a positive fear, as it is what guides those that have it to do what is right, while repenting of any possible sin, including Paul who says we work toward complete holiness, because we fear God, 2 Corinthians 7:1.

The fear of most of our parents, or guardians, growing up, was not a fear of danger, or hatred, but of love & respect for those who knew better than us, what was good, or harmful to us & God, as our Father, knows & wants what is best for us.

We can see this fear in those like Pharaoh, who brought disaster on his nation & people, because he did not fear God & did what was best in his eyes. Romans 3:18, reminds us that our chief sin, is when we have no fear

of God, as His love & anger is what should be guiding us throughout all our days.