

WHAT MOST PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE ABOUT CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM

It is a joyful yet solemn and delicate matter to be used by The Holy Spirit to present the Good News, the Gospel of Christ to someone. It requires prayer, much thought, and the leading of The Spirit. Carnal signs and billboards along the highway will not do. Non-believers do not understand it and are "turned off", and Christians end up doing Satan's work for him by driving people away from the Glorious Gospel of Christ Jesus. True Salvation means a changed life for an exchanged Life. You cannot advertise or publicize that. You can only patiently explain it to others. Contrary to popular belief, YOU cannot come to Christ. Jesus says that the Father must CALL YOU: " No man can come to Me unless the Father call him." That is the tug on the heart to want to know more about Jesus! The Holy Spirit then prepares the heart to receive. If we are Biblical Christians, then before presenting the Gospel to others, we must pray for The Father to "call them" to Christ. Then Jesus said, "If I be uplifted, I WILL draw ALL (men) unto Me." Notice, the word "men" is not in the Literal Greek of the New Testament. WHO will do it? HE WILL DO IT. So if an unsaved person is given the "call" from The Father and the "draw" from the Son, the Spirit will move on the person presenting the Gospel to explain to the one hearing the Gospel for the first time, that in receiving Christ by simple faith (trust) on Christ alone, he/she is receiving a new and changed Life, that is, Christ's Eternal Life, for his/her exchanged life. It is nothing less than a trade-off. His Eternal Life for your earthly life. Eventually, Christ will work a "death" toward all in "self" that is unholy, and His Life in us in all that is holy. You will not lose your own will or interests in this earthly life, and it will still be God's Will that you enjoy it, as the Creation was given man as a gift of God. But there must be an exchange! We must surrender our hearts and will to His. Anything short of this may lead to a "head" conversion but not a true heart conversion. So Paul says, quite aptly, " I have died with Christ, and yet I live, no not I, but Christ lives in me, and the life I now live, I live to the Son of God who died and gave Himself for me." What is Paul saying? "It is not I who am preaching and evangelizing. It is Christ who is evangelizing and writing in me and through me! His Life, my body." Who was doing the evangelizing all along? In John 14 the answer to that question is

evident: Jesus said to The Father, "Of ALL that You have given Me, I HAVE NOT LOST A ONE OF THEM." So if you believe that YOU are the one by whom someone got saved, guess what? You are stealing God's Glory.....and are not yet dead to "self".

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