

Grace Evangelism

LESSON 1:

The Foundations of Biblical Evangelism



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- The Mission:
 - What is God's ultimate purpose for evangelism?
- The Motivation
 - What motivates believers to evangelize?
- The Message
 - What characterizes a biblical gospel presentation?
- The Method
 - What are the guiding principles of presenting the message?



The Mission: God's ultimate purpose for evangelism is to glorify Himself.

- A. God's ultimate purpose in everything is to glorify Himself.
- B. Salvation accomplishes God's mission to bring Himself glory.
- C. Evangelism exists because worship does not.



The Motivation: Believers are motivated by love for God.

A. If we love God, we will obey Him.

1. Love for God expresses itself in obedience, of which evangelism is a part.
2. Love for God expresses itself in love toward others.

B. If we obey Him, we will glorify Him.



The Message: The God-centered gospel presentation emphasizes God's glory and man's sinfulness.

- A. The God-centered message proclaims God's holiness.
- B. The God-centered message reveals man's sinful condition.
- C. The God-centered message declares Christ as Savior and Lord.



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D. The God-centered message calls sinners to repent and believe in Christ.

E. The God-centered message proclaims God Himself as the great end of the gospel.

1. God's chief end in salvation is His own glory.
2. The sinner's greatest benefit in salvation is God Himself.



The Method: We evangelize with a transformed lifestyle and a biblical presentation.

- A. Live a transformed life.
- B. Maintain a lifestyle of prayer.
- C. Present the gospel with wisdom and innocence.
- D. Rely upon Scripture as the only authority.



Questions & Application

- Why can it be hard to evangelize?
- Explain the difference:
 - Motivated by guilt vs. motivated by glory.
- How does God's mission shape our motivation and goal in evangelism?
- What could a man-centered gospel look like?
- Share any evangelistic encouragements.
- Application: Identify 3 unbelievers—pray for them daily and pray for opportunities to present the gospel to them.

