

How to Witness Effectively?

Who we are... **Philippians 3:14 (KJV)** ¹⁴ I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20 (KJV) [Let's read verses 17-20]

¹⁷ Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. ¹⁸ And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

We notice several things in this passage:

1. (Our Identity is in Him) vs. 17
2. God did it all! (what did we have to do?) Vs. 18 believe (**Romans 1:16**)
3. So what specifically did He give us? He gave us the ministry of reconciliation. Vs. 18 (different from any dispensation)
4. God was in Christ, reconciling the world. What tool: The Word of Reconciliation (plant & water). vs. 19
5. Our Title: (**Phil. 3:14**) Ambassadors for Christ! vs. 20

Romans 1:16 (KJV)

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

What effect did the cross have?

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (KJV) (The ACT)

³ For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; ⁴ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

2 Corinthians 5:21 (KJV) (The RESULT)

²¹ For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (KJV) (The PROCESS)

⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

What is the result:

Romans 4:5 (KJV)

⁵ But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Colossians 1:13 (KJV)

¹³ Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Romans 5:21 (KJV)

²¹ That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Galatians 2:20 (KJV)

²⁰ I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

- Witnessing is not a difficult task but is one that takes a commitment to make it easy. Remember to keep it simple so that people could understand and ask questions.
- Introduce yourself, tell them your name and what church you go to and how excited you are to talk together.
- Avoid answering comments with a NO, or that is NOT True. Always USE the scripture to answer them and then ask what they think that means. Make them feel like you care about their answer.

Learning how to read the person you are talking to... 3 understandings that help you do that.

1. Know where they are at spiritually... Their knowledge of the Bible + what church they go to is good to know so you have an idea how to approach them.
2. Ask questions that help you to know what they are trusting in to get to heaven...
3. Use the scriptures! (We have the tool – The Word of Reconciliation!) [II Cor. 5:19]

There are 3 key starter phrases, one is a conversation starter – the other 2 are diagnostic.

1. ****Did you know? That your sins will NOT keep you out of heaven? (stop and listen)**
2. **If you were to die in your sleep tonight, and appear before God, and He were to ask you... Why should I let you into my heaven? How would you answer Him? (stop and listen)**
3. **Have you reached a point in your spiritual life where you know you have eternal life? (stop and listen)**

**** This conversation starter is less invasive but will start people talking about wanting to know more, and what you mean by that. (I used this on Zello, and it led to an hour & ½ discussion)**

You will also find out where they are spiritually by that question. This question should give you the opportunity to explain the **GIFT of GOD** in **Ephesians 2:8, 9 + 10**.

All 3 of these questions should put you in a position to explain the **Gift of God**. Let me explain how to do this. (Share an example)

Questions 2+3 are designed to help you find out what that person is trusting in for entrance into heaven or eternal life. These questions came from a book called **Evangelism Explosion** by Dr. D, James Kennedy. His thoughts changed my approach to people.

Remember Key verses:

1. Explain the **GIFT of GOD**: **Ephesians 2:8-10**
2. It is the **Power of God unto salvation**: **Romans 1:16**
3. It is to **ALL** that **BELIEVE**: **Romans 4:5**

Will you accept the Gift with NO strings attached?