

Power Evangelism – Lesson 3

- As Christians, we all agree that Jesus is the only way to Heaven
- Psalms 96:5, “For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.”

John 14:6, “Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Acts 4:12, “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

Christianity’s Unique Offer

Question: So what’s so unique about Christianity versus all the other religions of the world?

- All the religions of the world are “Works” based belief systems
- It’s about a “Self- Improvement” a philosophy of enlightenment, peace and wellbeing
- **Please Read: Colossians 2:16-23**
- The false religions of the world lack any value in dealing with then “Sin” problem

Hebrews 9:26-28, “But now Jesus has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.”

- Isaiah 48:22, “*There is no peace,*” says the Lord, “*for the wicked.*”
- Proverbs 13:15 KJV, “*...but the way of transgressors is hard.*”

Matthew 11:28-30, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

- The greatest act of spiritual power on the earth today is when a person is born again

John 3:3, “In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”

- Think of it, a person's past sinful record is wiped clean- they are completely pardoned
- Transformed from being a sinner to a saint, a child of the devil to a child of God
- Made a co-heir with Jesus Christ and a partaker of the divine nature and all His promises
- Made a new creation, a new species so that God by His Spirit now dwells in him or her
- Their name is written in heaven so they will never experience God's wrath in eternal fire
- Given complete authority and dominion over the devil and all his works

Romans 1:16-17, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

- No other religion on the face of the earth can deliver us from sin/devil like Christianity
- Nothing is so free for us to receive, but then costing God everything to provide

The Convicting Power of the Holy Spirit

- **Please Read: John 16:5-11**

John 16:8-9 NKJV

"And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me."

- Notice, that the Holy Spirit convicts the world of "sin" singular
 - o not all the individual sins we have committed through our lifetime

Question: Jesus took away all our sins, so what's the only sin left that sends people to hell?

John 3:36, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

- The Holy Spirit is at the core of power evangelism- Acts 2:37
- Without Him, no one could come to Jesus and be saved- John 6:44

Our task is simply to be witnesses to God's grace in our lives and share the Gospel message of salvation. It's the Holy Spirit's job to convict and convince the sinner of their need for Jesus.

Question: What else makes Christianity different from all other religions of the world?

- Signs and wonders is the dinner bell for the table of salvation
 - o When sinners see the power of God on display, it gets their attention
- **Please Read: Acts 8:5-13**
- Notice in Acts 8:6, “...they all paid close attention to what he said.”

Atheists and agnostics or folks representing dead religions can argue with you all day, but when they see the blind see, deaf hear and the crippled walk- it will get their attention.

There was an incident where Jesus healed a man who was born blind, look at what he said:

John 9:31-33, “We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will. Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

- Notice the famous Great Commission Scripture: **Please Read:** Mark 16:15-20
- These signs are to follow those who believe
- God uses signs and wonders to validate the authenticity of the Gospel

Hebrews 2:3-4, “How shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. 4 God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.”

Question: Is the Church today operating in signs and wonders like the Early Church did?

Note: Mark 16:20, “The Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.” Are we working with the Lord and preaching His Word?

Please Read: Acts 2:42-47

Power evangelism is the result of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit coming together to produce signs and wonders, the conviction of the Holy Spirit and resulting in the New Birth.