

PRACTICAL EVANGELISM “Partnering With the Holy Spirit in Evangelism”

Rev 22:17

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life. NIV

The Spirit and the Bride say “Come!” Of those two, I would pick the Spirit to be the most powerful, wouldn’t you? We want to learn what He is doing and how He says “Come!” that we may flow in His wake, amen?

John 16:7-11

7 But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.
8 When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:
9 in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me;
10 in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer;
11 and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. NIV

The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.

Sin – because men do not believe in Him.

Righteousness – because He went to the Father.

Judgment – because the prince of the world has been condemned.

I. Sin – Man is in need of a Savior.

John 3:16-21

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.
18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.
19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.
20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.
21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God." NIV

II. Righteousness – Man is in need of Sanctification.

Eph 5:11-14

11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.
12 For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.
13 But everything exposed by the light becomes visible,

14 for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." NIV

He works to expose sin that we might forsake it.

III. Judgment – The saints need to apply the Lord's sanction against satan.

John 12:27-33

27 "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

28 Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."

29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine.

31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

32 But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself."

33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die. NIV

The Holy Spirit begins to convict me of sin, showing me that I need a savior. Once I am born again, the Holy Spirit shows me righteousness that I might walk in it and forsake sin. As we walk in the way of discipleship, the Holy Spirit begins to convict us to carry out the judgment against the devil proclaimed on the cross.

Luke 10:19

I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. NIV

Luke 11:21-23

21 "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe.

22 But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils.

23 "He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters. NIV

We are going unto a generation whose minds have been blinded by the god of this age. Evangelism is an attack on the devil's kingdom. Evangelism is spoiling the strong man. To spoil the strong man, you have to overpower and bind him. I dare say that effective evangelism will not occur without demons being cast out.

Matt 12:18-21

18 "Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations.

19 He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets.

20 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory.

21 In his name the nations will put their hope." NIV

The Lord will lead justice to victory. The prince of this world has been judged, and the Lord leads that judgment to victory. We can overcome by the power of the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus Christ.

Rom 15:18-19

18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed,

19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. KJV

How do we fully preach the gospel? How do we become power evangelists?

- 1. Receive the Holy Spirit – John 20:21-22*
- 2. Use your giftings – Matt. 25:14-30; Acts 3:6 (read)*
- 3. Expect God to honor your boldness – Acts 4:29-31 (read)*

Boldness is walking in the trust that God will do what He said He would do when we do what He tells us to do.