

evangelism for all

GOAL: to nurture a culture of evangelism for all to INVIGORATE **Go & Tell**

Evangelism GPS

- ▲ RE-CENTER **JOY.** Joy is the best motivator. Tell the Gospel out of **your Joy** in Christ. Need more? Fuel it! (Jude 24-25). Practice Gospel **befriending** and Gospel **hospitality**.
- ▲ RE-CENTER **GOD.** **Yahweh triune**, Father, Son, Spirit - origin of covenant love (holy), purity (holy) and grace (giving living). Trinity is not an aftermarket add-on. Trinity is the original T4G; the first Gospel Coalition. Are we functionally Unitarian sometimes?
- ▲ RE-CENTER **MASTER PLOT.** **King – Creation – Conflict – Cross/Res – Kingdom**
Warning: don't let God's kingship in Christ be eclipsed by other things, even good things
- ▲ RE-CENTER **GOSPEL.** Christ events: **King. Birth. Life. Death/Resur. Enthroned.** (1 Cor 15)
- ▲ RE-CENTER **CHRISTO-CENTRICITY.** You'll never regret saying too much about Jesus.
- ▲ RE-CENTER **S.I.N.** – Everyone is an idolator. What are your idols? We are all **Ruined in SIN** - Self Idolatry by **Nature** (see Rom 10:3). Our sovereign **MINE** revolts against the holy Sovereign (see Job 31:35; 23:10). We're all self-righteous. 'Little House On The Prairie' **Moralism** is Kudzu. All religions want you to "turn over a new leaf."
- ▲ RE-CENTER **MISSION/MESSAGE.** In Evangelism our **mission/message** is not to argue for a worldview, political pov, church denom, ethnic bias, patriotism, intelligent design, Theism, secondary issues, etc. Apologetics is useful, but as it is presently practiced the Gospel is often treated like an add-on or left out entirely. Also, most apologists ignore the need for **Regeneration** and a call to **Repentance**. "Intellectual argument will not, as such, convince and convert the non-Christian. It takes the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit to do that." Cornelius Van Til. See 'And Can It Be,' stanza 4, "Long my imprisoned spirit lay..." This is one reason why **prayer** is so important in Evangelism.

"What the **heart** wants, the **will** chooses and the **mind** justifies."
Ashley Null's motto explaining the theology of English reformer Thomas Cranmer
- ▲ RE-CENTER **KING JESUS.** Thus, we declare **Law** {to reveal sin} and then **Gospel** {to display grace} unto the **kingship** of Christ (Rm 10:9, 2 Cor 10:5). Christ is King NOW. Invite people to look at **G.R.A.C.E.** (see GRACE in Isaiah 6; Romans 10, Eph 1).

GRACE

Keep taking INITIATIVE to INVITE those outside Christ into the **GRACE of Christ**

G God is Yahweh triune, *the Sovereign, holy, good, wise and known in Christ alone*

You can't know who you are until you see who you are in light of who God is. There is more we can say about God, but in this first truth of GRACE we must say no less. God is **Yahweh** (the I AM). God is **triune**, Father, Son, Spirit and thus the only source of loyal love, covenant joy, personal Being. God is **the Sovereign** who has absolute authority. God is **holy**, transcendent, pure and without fault. God is **good**. God is perfect **wisdom** which is his living and all knowing truth. God is revealed **in Christ alone**. Jesus is the bottom line. See Isaiah 6; Ephesians 1, Revelation 1.

R Ruined in S.I.N. entirely (Self Idolatry by Nature)

Certainly sin is breaking God's Law, but why do we break God's moral law? Because we want to be God. In our own eyes we are little gods (Gen 3:1-7). The root of all sin is self-idolatry. We replace God's LAW {sovereignty & authority} with autonomy (self + law). We replace God's holy LOVE {covenant loyalty / devotion} with "disordered loves" (see Augustine, Luther). We replace his shared LIFE {triune giving living} with our narcissisms (Rom chapters 1-3). Thus, we're **dead** (Eph 2:1, 5); **blind** (2 Cor 4:4); **hostile** (Rm 8:7); **accountable** (Rom 3:9); **condemned** (Jn 3:18-20).

A At-one-ment Complete in Christ alone

Many religions attempt to make atonement (reconciliation) with God by their good works. Many diversions of Christianity attempt to use the Atonement as a starting point for reconciliation with God. They add to Christ's atoning work. By adding to it they take away from it. Is not the perfect life of Christ (for our righteousness) and the perfect sacrifice of Christ (for our penalty) sufficient? Yes. Definitely. 2 Cor 5:21; Romans 3:24-25; 5:9; Col 2:13; 1 Cor 15:1-3; Isaiah 53; 1 John 1:7.

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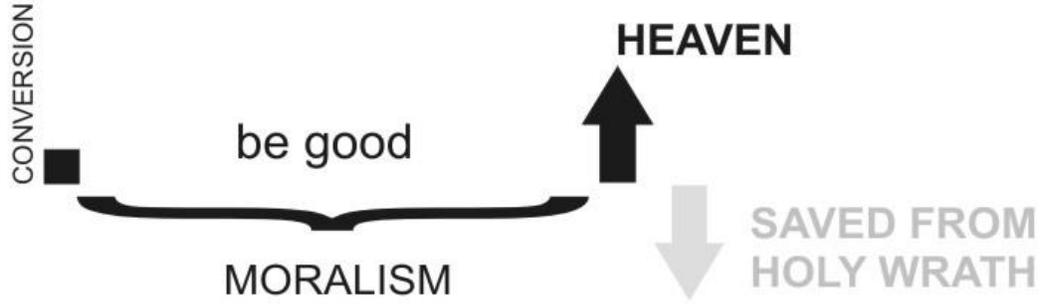
Come in **Faith** (trust) and **Repentance** (turn) to Christ as your King (Rom 10:9-10) having been... reCreated (**Regeneration**) freely by the Spirit who begins and applies Redemption to us... Chosen unconditionally in Christ before the foundation of the world (see Eph 1:4-6).

E Eternal Union with Christ. ENJOY!

Christians persevere in righteousness and are preserved to the end. But why? **Union with Christ**. The NT is most surely a prolonged explanation of our **Union with Christ**. Many prepositions (in, with, by, through, from, for) in the NT express the benefits we have because we are *in Christ* and restored to fellowship with God triune. ENJOY New Covenant life *in Christ*. Col 3:1-3; Eph 1



Afterlife JESUS



Humanitarian JESUS



Your Best Life Now JESUS



the Sovereign Savior JESUS

