

TEN REASONS WHY WE SHOULD EVANGELIZE

BECAUSE THE LORD IS DEPENDING ON US TO COMPLETE WHAT IS LACKING IN THE WORK OF CHRIST. "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body (which is the church) in filling up that which is lacking in Christ's afflictions. Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, that I may fully carry out the preaching of the word of God, that is, the mystery....which is Christ in you, the hope of glory....that we may present every man complete in Christ." Col. 1:24-29

BECAUSE IT IS A COMMANDMENT OF THE LORD. "Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ.... (which) according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith..." Rom. 16:25-26

BECAUSE IT IS A DEMONSTRATION OF PERSONAL FAITH. "I pray that the sharing of your faith may promote the knowledge of all the good that is ours in Christ." RSV, Philemon 6

BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO BE IN TROUBLE IF WE DON'T! "When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die'; and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand." Ezek. 3:18 (see Acts 20:26-27)

BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY HOPE FOR A LOST WORLD. "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY WAY THE WORLD CAN REALLY BE CHANGED FOR THE BETTER. "The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life and might have it abundantly." John 10:10

BECAUSE IT IS THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL WAY WE CAN FULFILL THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT: "TO LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR BEING!" "A lawyer asked Him...which is the great commandment in the Law? And He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" Matt. 22:35-37

"And a second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
Matt. 22:39

BECAUSE IT IS BY THE SHARING OF THE WORD THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS FREED TO WORK IN INDIVIDUAL LIVES. "And take...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Eph., 6:17

BECAUSE IT IS A DEMONSTRATION OF HAVING BEEN CALLED BY CHRIST.

"And He went up to the mountain and summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him. And He appointed twelve that they might be with Him, and that He might send them out to preach."
Mark 3:13-14

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