

Proper and Misplaced Evangelism

The great co-mission, Gods plan and our purpose.

We are “evangelicals”, we preach with the intent to convert.

Evey Christian must witness their faith, while a select few have the gift of evangelism.

Mark 16:15 - Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation

Matt 28:19 - Go therefore and make disciples of all nations

Luke 14:23 - The lord said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled

1. Witnessing to non, or unbelievers is different than “apologetics”

The debate or systematic defense of a belief system, using logical arguments, evidence, and reasoning

2. Proselytize - attempt to convert (someone) from one religion, belief, or opinion to another. This is illegal in many world “hotspots” like Jerusalem (Jews, Christians, Muslims)
3. Sharing faith through love, compassion and personal invitation is different than coercion through famine relief or political intimidation.
4. Many militant Islamic groups impose sharia law and require assimilation, conversion or death.
5. Catholics, Pilgrims and Quakers used terms like **imminent domain** and **manifest destiny** to impose culture, language, and traditions on so called savage Native Americans who practiced Pantheism.
6. A spiritually mature Christian understands the power of honor and respect of differing cultures without imposing laws against dress, music, foods, etc. The Gospel brings freedom from man made bondage.