

Evangelism

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I recently came across the acrostic for this word, evangelism. I found it not only interesting and accurate, but a good reminder as well. I added some Scripture references to the acrostic to help us consider the word “evangelism” and some of those things for which it stands.

Evangeli**S**m is **E**very member active. “They therefore that were scattered abroad, went about preaching the word” (Acts 8:4).

This was written regarding “the church in Jerusalem” (Acts 8:1).

EVangelism is **V**isitation practiced. “I was sick, and ye visited me” (Matthew 25:36). This is a necessary part of helping to keep the saved, saved.

EvAn**G**elism is **A**bsentees contacted regularly. “Brethren, even if a man be overtaken in any trespass, ye who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; looking to thyself, lest thou also be tempted” (Galatians 6:1). Let us not wait until a member is back into the world before we wonder where that one is.

Eva**N**gelism is **N**ew members involved. “As newborn babes, long for the spiritual milk, which is without guile, that ye may grow thereby unto salvation” (1 Peter 2:2). Let us encourage our new brethren to attend the classes and every worship assembly. Let us teach them often as we may have contact and opportunity.

Evan**G**elism is **G**iving. “But first they gave their own selves to the Lord” (2 Corinthians 8:5), then they “gave of their own accord” (2 Corinthians 8:3). This avenue of worship (1 Corinthians 16:1-2) reflects our own conversion and will supply the means to convert others.

Evang**E**lism is **E**veryone in class. “Whom we proclaim, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ” (Colossians 1:28). In this way, we can “grow in grace and knowledge” (2 Peter 3:18).

Evan**G**elism is **L**ost people being saved. “To the weak I became weak, that I might gain the weak: I am become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some” (1 Corinthians 9:22). Whatever it takes, within the will of God, let us do with all our might!

Evangeli**S**m is **I**ncrease. “And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women” (Acts 5:14). Let us therefore plant the seed of the kingdom (Luke 8:11) that God may give the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6).

Evangeli**S**m is high **S**tandard. “Seek the things that are above . . . set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth” (Colossians 3:1-2).

Evangeli**S**m is **M**issions. “Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations . . . preach the gospel to the whole creation” (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15).

Let us continue to be and increase in **EVANGELISM!**

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