



Evangelism Update 01-14-07

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Note From Jim:

The team will not meet this coming Saturday.

Greg and I are heading to Las Vegas for Reignite-2. We'll be there the 17th-21st, joining 120+ seed sowers in taking the gospel to the streets during GNN Reunion and Evangelism Boot Camp. We covet your prayers. Pray that we speak the message of the gospel boldly, that souls are saved and above all the Jesus is glorified.

Scripture of the Week:

Therefore it was also credited to [Abraham] as righteousness. Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him, but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification. (Romans 4:22-25, NASB)

Quote of the Week:

"...it is the ordinary method of the Spirit of God to convict sinners by the Law. It is this which, being set home on the conscience, generally breaketh the rocks in pieces. It is more especially this part of the Word of God which is quick and powerful, full of life and energy and sharper than any two-edged sword." (John Wesley)

Evangelism Resource:



Finally! A Christian alternative to MySpace.

You can check out my page here...

<http://www.hisholyspace.com/227>



Questions & Objections:

This Q&A comes from [The Evidence Bible](#).

Q. Doesn't the Big Bang theory disprove the Genesis account of creation?

A. Try to think of any explosion that has produced order. Does a terrorist bomb create harmony? Big bangs cause chaos. How could a Big Bang produce a rose, apple trees, fish, sunsets, the seasons, hummingbirds, polar bears -- thousands of birds and animals, each with its own eyes, nose, and mouth? A child can see that there is "grand design" in creation.

Try this interesting experiment: Empty your garage of every piece of metal, wood, paint, rubber and plastic. Make sure there is nothing there. Nothing. Then wait for ten years and see if a Mercedes evolves. Try it. If it doesn't appear, leave it for 20 years. If that doesn't work, try it for 100 years. Then try leaving it for 10,000 years. Here's what will produce the necessary blind faith to make the evolutionary process believable: leave it for 250 million years.

"New scientific revelations about supernovas, black holes, quarks, and the big bang even suggest to some scientists that there is a 'grand design' in the universe." (U.S. News & World Re-port, March 31, 1997)

"The universe suddenly exploded into being...The big bang bears an uncanny resemblance to the Genesis command." (Jim Holt, Wall Street Journal science writer)

Weekly "Fishing" Report:

David and I were out street fishing on Saturday. Shortly after parking the car, we came across a group of four people kneeling at the corner of 6th and G Streets. Three women were praying over a young man. It was a real blessing to witness something like this right in the heart of downtown. I introduced myself when they were done. We shared some tracts and encouraged them. They then took the young man (Alan) across the street to Evangel's to buy him a Bible, while David and I headed up 6th St.



We next came across a group of young people hanging out on the benches by the post office. David gave out tracts and tried to engage some of the teens while I got into a conversation with Steve, a young man I'd talked with a couple of times before. He told me he'd been reading the Bible and was currently in Exodus. He'd thought of me when he came across the Ten Commandments and decided to memorize them in case he got to see me again. Sure enough, he went right through them from memory. I then asked if he could tell me why God gave us the commandments. I showed him Galatians 3:24 - "Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith" - and also told him how James says it's a mirror. I recapped the gospel as we looked at how the Ten Commandment reveal our specific and personal sins ... pointing us to the cross of Christ and our merciful hope as we face judgment. He told me how he'd grown up being hammered by the scare tactics of hell fire preaching. Yet, today it seems like the modern church has listed to the other side... instead of a Frankenstein God they now preach a Santa Claus or teddy bear God that coddles us and winks at sin. He said that explaining it this way balanced it and made sense: sharing the gospel through the law and then grace, going to Mt Sinai and then Mt Calvary.

It's true! Without the context of judgment, anger and wrath ... God's mercy, patience and love are meaningless. It's only when we recognize that we deserve His judgment and hell, that His sacrifice and grace become truly amazing. In fact, when I preach open air I've begun sharing what I call the "Three Mountain Message". I point out that the first time the word "love" is really used in the Bible is in Genesis 22. The Holy Spirit waits 22 chapters before He uses the word "love" and then it's intentionally tied to a context of sacrifice.

He said, "Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I will tell you." (Genesis 22:2, NASB)

Abraham knew he was acting out prophecy because he named that place "The Lord Will Provide". His actions were a type of another time a Father would offer His Son as a sacrifice. However, then the death blow would not be stopped and blood would flow. Now, before going there we need to go back and look at another mountain. At Mount Sinai, God gave us the Ten Commandments amidst thunderings and lightning. His presence made the mountain so holy that a man or beast that set foot on it was to be killed. He gave us a Law that reflects His perfect standard. Ultimately it condemns us; harder than the stone it was written on and it calls out for blood. It shows us that one lie makes us a liar. Stealing something makes us a thief. He will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. Jesus even further revealed the principles behind the Law by showing that even lust in the heart means we've broken the commandment about adultery. Now, after visiting Mount Sinai we're ready to go to Mount Calvary. Some scholars even think that the cross may have stood around the same place where

Abraham placed Isaac on the altar. Regardless, it's at this mountain that we can bow our knee in humble repentance and cry out to Christ in faith to receive forgiveness. It's at this mountain that we can understand why the word "love" is first introduced in scripture within a context of sacrifice. This is how the two are balanced. It's after hearing the thunderings of Mt Sinai that we can fully recognize the grace in the voice that spoke "it is finished" at Mt Calvary.

After talking with Steve, I saw that Alan had joined the group. He showed us the new Bible with his name stamped on the cover. We had a good talk with him as well. He asked about how I'd come to Christ and I was able to share what had finally made the cross make sense to me. We compared notes about how we'd both found ourselves weeping before God. We encouraged him to plug in and read that Bible daily. He said he'd picked a pocket-sized Bible so he could have it with him at all times. He chose a NKJV because he wanted something that'd get him to work at it as he studied. He also figured that if he hadn't eventually worn the gold off the edges of the pages, he wasn't putting the Bible to good use. He hugged both of us before he left, saying he'd be watching for us out on the streets and was thinking about joining us possibly in the future.

I then wrapped up the day with a one-2-three with some teen boys. I'd given them the [NZ Smart Card](#) tracts, which allowed me to springboard into the [good person test](#). I shared the gospel simply and clearly with them. They asked a few questions, said it made sense and agreed they at least had something important to think about.

Sunday, I got a call from Kathleen. She's one of the women that we met with Alan, the one I'd given my card to. She's familiar with the Way of the Master, and is very interested joining us for some street fishing. I also got another call from Gail, a woman that just moved here from California. She had been with a GNN street witnessing team down there and is looking to get involved with one here. Praise God! May He continue to raise up laborers in Southern Oregon.

Pray for the seed that was sown. Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due.

One-Day Way of the Master Training:



The GNN Southern Oregon Team would be glad to host a Way of the Master evangelism training for your church or small group. This one-day seminar is a proven, effective way to empower people to reach out to the lost while helping them to come to a **full** understanding of **all** good things they have in Christ Jesus (Philemon 1:6). We will quickly equip those who attend to effectively share their faith. What makes our training unique is when the classroom training is over, you have the option to hit the streets and immediately start to use the new tools you have just learned. The seminar consists of the following activities:

- Three powerful interactive messages that will equip the attendees in how to share the gospel effectively and biblically with anyone, anytime, anywhere.
- Quick Tips on how to have fun sharing your faith while overcoming your fears.
- Quick Tips on how to effectively witness one-2-one using the Way of the Master.
- Hands-on, in-the-trenches training with proven leaders.

The One-Day Way of the Master Training is FREE for the host and to all who attend.

** The Way of the Master has been commended by Franklin Graham, Dr. D. James Kennedy, David Wilkerson, Bill Gothard, John MacArthur, Ravi Zacharias, David Jeremiah, Joni Eareckson Tada, Josh McDowell, and many other Christian leaders.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for us and the other seed sowers that will be at Reignite-2 in Las Vegas this week.
 - "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38, NASB)
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Calendar:

- **Downtown Fishing Hole** (Recurring)
Saturdays
Street witnessing (3pm to 6pm) downtown along 6th Street. Meet in the Budget Internet parking lot (4th St & F St).
- **DMV O/A** (Recurring)
Wednesdays
Open Air preaching at 8:45am to the people waiting for the DMV doors to open.

If you would like to join us, [click here](#) to send us your contact info.

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