

# Unembarrassed

Addressing the Why, What, & How of Evangelism

Part 1: **MOTIVATION**

Part 2: **METHOD**

Part 3: **MESSAGE**

Christianity is enshrined in the life, but it is proclaimed by the lips. If there is a failure in either respect the gospel cannot be communicated.

~ Michael Green, *Evangelism in the Early Church*

Evangelism is just preaching the gospel, the evangel. It is a work of communication in which Christians make themselves mouthpieces for God's message of mercy.

~ J.I. Packer, *Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*

The chief agents in the expansion of Christianity appear not to have been those who made it a profession or made it a major part of their occupation, but men and women who carried on their livelihood in some purely secular manner and spoke of their faith to those they met in this natural fashion.

~ Kenneth Scott Latourette, *The First Five Centuries*

One of the most striking features in evangelism in the early days was the people who engaged in it. Communicating the faith was not regarded as the preserve of the very zealous or of the officially designated evangelist. Evangelism was the prerogative and the duty of every church member. The ordinary people of the Church saw it as their job: Christianity was supremely a lay movement, spread by informal missionaries.

~ Michael Green, *Evangelism in the Early Church*

Christians do all in their power to spread the faith all over the world.

~ Celsus, between 175-180 CE

One of the most significant ways in which the church fails to be the church is when it becomes a club for the benefit of its own members.

~ Scott J. Jones, *The Evangelistic Love of God and Neighbour*

The church of Jesus Christ lives in gathering and scattering, in being called together and in being sent forth. This dual motion is as necessary for her life as breathing in and breathing out is for human life. Wherever one or the other atrophies, the local church becomes ill and dies away.

~ Walter Klaiber, *Call and Response: Biblical Foundations of a Theology of Evangelism*

The best hermeneutic of the gospel in postmodern society is churches and Christians who genuinely live in a Christlike way.

~ Bishop Lesslie Newbigin

The evangelist's task is not to *prove* that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Our task is to show by the way we speak and act that we believe he is.

~ Richard Stoll Armstrong, *Service Evangelism*

And let not any shame of this name preoccupy you.

~ Clement of Alexandria, *Approx. 215 CE*

**I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.**

~ **Apostle Paul (Romans 1:16, TNIV)**