

Evangelize? Who Me?

Many religious organizations build their ranks through evangelical efforts: the Moonies, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Pentecostals, Charismatics, the Church of Scientology, and others. These are false religions spreading a false gospel, a false Jesus, a false spirit, and a false god. They are not the only ones doing this.

Protestant Evangelicals, Bereans, and the Grace Church movement also evangelize, seeking to bring new converts into the fold of the Protestant Christian faith. In their thinking, a person is damned to eternal punishment unless they hear the "Good News" from a preacher, read this or that passage in the Bible, make a commitment to Jesus, and join the Christian faith through baptism. These thoughts are inaccurate and have no biblical support. They stem completely from the words of Paul and Jesus taken out of context.

Fun Fact: The Christian religion of today, and for the last 1700 years, is not the first century Pauline Body of Christ. It is something else. Not a good something else. It is a false religion.

Fun Fact: The religion called Christianity, Protestant or Catholic, is found nowhere in the Bible. It is a made-up religion. These various belief systems are man-made, manufactured with out-of-context Bible verses and /or traditions, superstitions, imaginations, stories, fables, and extra-biblical writings, all lacking biblical support. This includes the religions of Mormonism, Catholicism, Lutheranism, Pentecostalism, Evangelicalism, Charismaticism, Presbyterianism, and many more under the umbrella of Protestantism.

Depending on the particular flavor of Protestant religion, the emphasis placed on personal evangelism will run the gamut between nothing, to a biblical mandate, to the law of God "to which God will hold you accountable for every time you had the opportunity to share the Gospel but did not".

Obviously, in this range of "all to nothing", not everyone can be right. So, what does the Bible say about evangelism and man's responsibility to carry out God's plan for humanity.

The Bible is Silent

The Bible does not say anything, anywhere, that the Body of Christ must evangelize anyone. Not Jesus, Peter, Paul, James, John, Jude, Timothy, or the prophets, not even God Himself. Neither does the Bible tell any group to evangelize: Jews, Gentiles, and certainly not the errant, false, apostate religion of Rome, or its offshoot, Protestantism that would not even begin until 1500 years future. Any statement or belief to the contrary is at the very least, a misunderstanding, misinterpretation, and misrepresentation of Scripture. And there are many of these errant notions in today's Christian religions.

Before we delve too deeply into the matter, let's cut to the chase and reveal the truth. Then we'll look at a few common Protestant errors.

NOTE Any mention in this article of “the Body of Christ” refers to those individuals who have a relationship with God and possess the Spirit of God. The mention does not mean those followers of Catholic or Covenant / Reformed Christianity who do not belong to God and have neither.

The Body of Christ is not a religion. It is a relationship with God, and the Spirit of God.

It's an Organic Thing

What does the Bible say about evangelizing, and how, when, and where do we fit in?

Here is the take-away: we have the Spirit of God that works through us with our own special gifts, native talents, unique personality, and opportunities. As we walk in the Spirit, led by the Spirit, God opens opportunities in our day-to-day life and living in accordance with our abilities and knowledge. God will never put us in a position that we are not capable of fulfilling.

First, we are a living example of God in man. We speak from the Spirit who abides within; who animates, guides, guards, and directs our hearts, minds, affections, and lives. Yet, we are completely free in thought and intent, choosing to follow the Spirit's leading as naturally as breathing. In this way we are one in Christ.

Second, we do not “evangelize” as though it were a mandate, a requirement, a command, a law, or some mechanical contrivance, or as if we had some minimum or monthly quota to meet. No one can “learn” to evangelize at a seminar, or by reading a book, or even reading the Bible. No one can teach you to evangelize. In fact, when it comes to evangelizing, you can't do anything! And, it is not your place.

God will use you in His time and in His way, giving you the opportunities and the words to say, touching the lives of those He has prepared to hear your good news just as He prepares you to convey His truth. You will find that as you mature spiritually, sharing your faith and the salvation message with others will come so naturally and beautifully that you will captivate your audience. There is a spiritual component deep within you that simply and effortlessly emanates outward: it is an organic, natural part of your new spiritual life given to you by God through His Spirit abiding in you. Those with whom you share Christ will see the difference.

Fun Fact: The problem people have in sharing their faith is that what they are trying to share is not biblical truth. It is false religious jargon and dogma someone taught them that has no biblical support. It is a clumsy, mechanical attempt to do something that is not from the Spirit of God and not the truth found in the Bible. God is not with those who attempt to spread a false gospel, a false Jesus, or a false spirit in a false religion. God is protecting those He loves from you and your errors.

The Nuts and Bolts

Now that we understand how we share our faith - how it really works - let's turn over a few rocks and expose some common errors found in false religions. And be sure, those who preach a false gospel and say things that are not in the Bible are false teachers in false religions regardless of their intentions. This includes those who demand that you evangelize.

The Pauline, new spiritual creation in Christ receives from the Spirit of God a gift for the edification of the Body of Christ of which you are a member, if indeed you possess the Spirit of God. No one has every spiritual gift. Not everyone has the gift of evangelism. Certainly, every believer represents God, shining as a light in this lost world, and you can always share your faith with others as God presents you with opportunities. You also share your faith in your day-to-day life simply by being you.

But there are many gifts and many ways God can, does, and will, use you. Consider: of the billions of people past and present, there were very few individuals you could call prophets. There was only one Moses and one David. There were not, and are not many "great evangelists". Just a hand-full, really. Does that mean that billions of people missed the mark and fall short of God's will and His calling for their lives? Will God judge, punish, and withhold rewards from these many men and women who were not successful, earth-shaking, world-changing, full time evangelists? Of course not.

Yet, Christian religion would have you believe that everyone - hundreds of millions of people - must be full-time evangelists, and will conscript you into a life of service that is not true, biblical, and not for you. The late Mrs. Billy Graham was not a great evangelist. Perhaps Mrs. Graham's God-given gift and mission in life was being a good wife to Billy Graham and mother to their children. Perhaps that is God's role for you in your family. Not everyone is president of the United States, or an Einstein, or a great singer, or writer, or artist, or musician, or John the Baptist - or Jesus, or an evangelist. But you are you and God knows what you can do and He will use you.

Churches that compel people to evangelize completely miss the point and put the proverbial cart before the horse. If you do not possess the gift of an evangelist, you don't evangelize. If you have the gift of an evangelist, you could not stop evangelizing. So, you don't need to wonder if that is your gift, or if you can or can't, or should or shouldn't, or will or won't. Evangelism would be a natural, unstoppable out flowing of God working through you. And you would be successful, as God would have prepared you to preach and your audience to hear. You don't need a false teacher in some errant, irrelevant, false religion telling you that you must learn to evangelize because it is your duty, responsibility, and obligation; and it must be your full-time occupation, then use some out-of-context Bible verse finagling to try to convince you to do his bidding. The Bible clearly mentions the gift of evangelism, not the "obligation of evangelism". The Bible clearly **does not say** "**You Must Evangelize**". The Bible doesn't even say you should consider the possibility of evangelizing. It is a false concept.

These same religious people who would gladly put you on an endless evangelical treadmill to nowhere will scoff and ridicule the charismatic religions that try to teach its members to speak in tongues, simply because there is a verse somewhere in the Bible that mentions speaking in tongues. It's exactly the same thing when they demand you evangelize. No difference.

You never need to feel guilt or pressure because someone who is blind to the Bible tells you to do something that is not biblical. You now know better.

History

In the nearly 2000 years of the Christian religion, the emphasis on personal evangelism as a church mandate is relatively recent. The false “doctrine” of personal evangelization, for example, began in the mid-20th Century midst the battle between fundamentalism and progressive liberalism. It was an invention of that time that remains to this day.

Fun Fact: I am sure people a century ago, watching the growth of progressive liberal Christianity, wondered how it would all turn out. Today, a century later, we know: progressive liberal religion is, without a doubt, a hands-down, colossal, unmitigated failure of epic proportions that spiritually bankrupted the entire Protestant religion, wrecked the culture, and altered the eternity of hundreds of millions of its followers for the worse, needlessly condemning the majority to the Tribulation.

Protestant Evangelical Covenant Progressiveness, through their numerous errors including seeker sensitive, seeker friendly, seeker driven, false gospel, self-help , phony Jesus religions, and their new-age, far east mystical theology in Emergent-ism, have progressively “progressed” down the toilet and now flounder in apostasy, ripe for judgment.

Matthew 28 – The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Fun Fact: There is no such thing in all of the Bible as a “Great Commission” or a Greater Commission. This is a phrase coined by the wayward religions that invented the terms, decided to make them their religion, and chose to spend their lives promoting and following a misunderstanding. There is no biblical truth in these phrases.

Earlier, throughout the late 1800’s and early 1900’s, some Protestant derivatives found Matthew 28:19 and created an entire religion to “specialize” in what they called “the Great Commission”. They used this verse to motivate people to the mission field, and later, to personal evangelism. In the later 20th century, following the path of their false doctrines, they opened their assemblies to pagans in seeker sensitive, seeker friendly, then seeker driven services, giving their sanctuaries a bar-like atmosphere with rock music, and dumbing-down their services. In doing this, they gutted the model of the Apostle Paul’s Church of believers who had the Spirit of God.

They omitted doctrine and the Bible so as not to offend, and for reasons of inclusivity. They even invented their own Jesus with many attributes for their congregations to emulate, and an all-loving, no-jeopardy god. Looking back, connecting all the dots, you can see how the passing of time, the

generational shift, and the progressive move away from the Bible and truth, led these poor souls to believe whatever they wanted to believe; what they now believe. Without the solid foundation of the Bible, they lost their way.

Protestant religions, through their Covenant / Reformed Theology, have a poor-understanding of the Bible, so, it is no wonder they took Matthew 28 out of context.

So, what is the context?

The short story is that the four Jewish Gospels are Jewish books: the continuation and fulfillment of the Old Testament. There is no Gentile doctrine in the four Jewish Gospels, and Jesus never told the Gentiles, or the then non-existent Body of Christ, to do anything, and certainly never told the false, corrupt Roman pagan Christian Church or its offshoot, Protestantism - 1500 years future- to do anything. In fact, the four Jewish Gospels, and the Gospel Jesus, do not deal with the Gentiles at all. The entire concept is false.

John 1:11 He (Jesus) came unto his own, and his own received him not.

Romans 15:8 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision (Jews) for the truth of God, to confirm the promises [made] unto the fathers: (Abraham, etc.)

Consider In the four Jewish Gospels, during His three-year ministry, Jesus went to the Jew only, deliberately omitting the Gentiles and calling them “dogs”, His words. Neither Jesus nor His disciples ministered to, or interacted with the Gentiles, avoiding them entirely, and referring to both the Gentiles and Samaritans as heathens, and sinners.

Post-ascension, Jesus commissioned the Apostle Paul to minister to the Gentiles with a new message that Christ never spoke to His disciples; information the world had never heard, information that God chose for the Gentiles to receive from the mouth of the Apostle Paul, information that had nothing to do with the Jewish Old Testament or the four Jewish Gospels.

That the Christian religion of today believes that Jesus, 2000 years ago, spoke specifically to them, a misguided, biblically ignorant group of Gentiles, without God or the Spirit of God, despising the Jews, preaching a false gospel, a false Spirit, and a phony Jesus, ignoring Christ’s messenger to the Gentiles, the Apostle Paul - and they thinking Jesus commanded them into the mission field to convert the world to their brand of made-up religion is beyond absurd.

In the not-to-distant future of that day, the Jews would become obsolete, set aside, scattered throughout the world. The ascended Christ would task the Apostle Paul to reach the Gentile nations with a new message; God’s message, a message never heard before. That would be Paul’s Gospel and the “Mystery hid in God from the beginning of the world”. That message says nothing about a requirement for every member of the Body of Christ to evangelize, or else.

Romans 15:16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

II Timothy 1:11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. (Also I Tim 1:12)

In the Matthew 28 verse, Jesus speaks only to His disciples. His statement is not prescriptive for all time and all humanity going forward. Rather, it is a descriptive scene of a moment in Christ's ministry.

Fun Fact: In the Old Testament, the Jews were always meant to carry God's good news to the world, but their rejection of their Messiah initiated a new program as God hardened the Jews and turned to the Gentiles. The Jews, now spiritually blind and scattered, would take a back seat to the Apostle Paul who carries God's message to the Gentiles. This would usher in the final 2000-year period of mankind featuring God's grace, a time appropriately called the "Age of Grace". This is followed by the calling out of the Body of Christ, the Tribulation, then Christ's return to the earth and His millennial reign.

Fun Fact: The Jews, before Christ, had 2000 years under the Law. Post ascension, the Gentiles had 2000 years under Grace. Christ stands between these two groups. This Age of Grace coincides with the time of the Jews in blindness, hardened to the truth. This final period of man's time on earth is now all but complete.

Fun Fact: In the millennial Kingdom, the Jews will evangelize the world according to God's plan. (Zech 8:23)

Bottom line: the Matthew 28 verse has nothing to do with the Gentiles of Christ's time, nothing to do with the Body of Christ of Paul's day or today, and certainly nothing to do with the corrupt Roman religion 300 years future, or the false religion called Protestant beginning almost 1600 years after Christ.

For a fuller examination of Matthew 28, see the study on this website: "[Matthew 28, The False Commission](#)", "[Why the Christian Religion Failed](#)", "[A Discussion on Protestant-isms](#)", "[The History of Christian Religion](#)" and many others.

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Paul

Not surprisingly, the Christian religion makes another mistake: they ignore God and the message He sent into the world through the Apostle Paul.

Jesus did not minister to the Gentiles. The ascended Christ called Paul as the minister to the Gentiles, giving to Paul the ministry of reconciliation to GO to the Gentiles and the word of

reconciliation to PREACH to the Gentiles. Yet, except for an occasional out-of-context mention, Christian religion ignores Paul.

Paul did not tell the Body of Christ believers to evangelize. Paul did not make a Matthew-ese “Great Commission” statement. If Jesus had wanted the Gentiles to “GO YE”, He would have given that message to Paul. If Paul had wanted all believers to evangelize, he would have made that clear. Nowhere does Paul give the Body of Christ a mandate to evangelize, and he had 30 + years of ministry and 13 epistles to do so.

The Corinthian Conundrum

Another religious gaff is the assertion by some errant Protestant groups, namely the Bereans and the Grace Church movement, that Paul gave to the Body of Christ “the ministry of reconciliation”, made them “ambassadors”, and that all believers have a requirement and obligation to fulfill this ministry to reconcile all people to God. This misunderstanding is due to a misreading of Scripture, a misunderstanding of the Apostle Paul, an ignorance of Paul’s epistles, and a lack of Bible knowledge in general. Nowhere in any of Paul’s 13 letters does he teach, preach, mention, or allude to any such thing.

Note Studying the Bible, scripture always interprets scripture. For the Matt 28 and II Corinthians 5 verses to say what these wayward religions believe they say, given the gravity and importance of what these people think they mean, there would be numerous references throughout the New Testament repeatedly calling the Body of Christ to their mandatory, required ministry of reconciliation, anointing them ambassadors, and telling them to Go Ye and evangelize and missionize the world on threat of judgment from God. Instead - Zilch! There is not one mention of any such thing anywhere in the Bible, and certainly not in Matthew or II Corinthians. These verses have a completely different meaning and context when compared to the faulty interpretations these groups preach. What these religions believe is a tradition of what someone thought the Bible meant, embellished over the years. It is not biblical truth.

In the same way the Evangelicals take their “Great Commission” out of context, these groups take II Corinthians out of context – the entire book. Interestingly, they agree that the Protestant Great Commission is a misunderstanding of Scripture, yet, they have their own errant evangelistic imaginings in their “Ministry of Reconciliation” they dub “The **Greater Commission**”. Both the “Great” and the “Greater” positions are false.

The passage of Scripture they use to support their position of the Greater Commission is II Corinthians 5:18-20. These religions take these verses out of context due to a misreading of II Corinthians. God gave Paul his ministry: the ministry of reconciliation, and the word of reconciliation. Paul did not impart any ministerial or evangelical demands of any kind to the Body of Christ.

NOTE: The “Greater Commission” is only 100 years old, and never heard of before that time. It was the brain-child of J.C. O’Hare, an evangelist of the early 20th century, who misread the II Corinthians text. O’Hare took this one piece of Scripture (II Cor 5:18-20), out of context, out of the textual flow, in a vacuum, and decided it meant

something that has no biblical support - not in II Corinthians, Paul's other epistles, or the entire Bible.

In this last century, all these religious zealots ever had to do was take 20 minutes and carefully read II Corinthians. They never did and probably never will, any more than the Pentecostals and Charismatics will re-read Acts 2 and revisit their errant position on tongues and miracles.

For an in depth view of this subject, see the reports on this website: "[The False Ministry of Reconciliation](#)" and the longer, complete version "[The Reconciliation Conundrum](#)" PPGpilot.com.

Summary

- Evangelism is a natural, organic operation of the Spirit of God working through the child of God.
- God protects those He loves from those who preach false doctrine, so the mechanical efforts of forced evangelism do not bear fruit.
- The Protestant Evangelical "**Great Commission**" is a relatively recent invention of the mid 20th century that promoted the idea of personal evangelism. It is an out-of-context misunderstanding of the Bible in general, spreading a false gospel and a false Jesus. This is not a true biblical position.
- The "**Greater Commission**" has only been around 100 years, the result of misreading the entire II Corinthians text, a misunderstanding of the Apostle Paul, a misunderstanding of Paul's ministry, a misunderstanding of the Body of Christ, and a misunderstanding of the entire Bible in general. Just one miss after another. Needless to say, it is not a true biblical position.

Don't be fooled by false religions! Become a Biblicist and learn the truth from the Spirit of God. Grow in your spiritual maturity, and you will become someone God can and will use to His glory.

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