

Personal Evangelism
06 – Foundation and Theology: A Summary Review
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First Sermon: Foundation: The Ultimate Purpose of Personal Evangelism – To Glorify God

- I. The Ultimate Purpose of Personal Evangelism: The Proposition
- II. The Ultimate Purpose of Personal Evangelism: The Biblical Evidence
- III. The Ultimate Purpose of Personal Evangelism: The Ramifications
 - A. What Methods and Approaches Do I Use?
 - B. What and How Much do I Say?
 - C. What Constitutes Success or Failure?

Second Sermon: Foundation: The Primary Governing Motivation – Love for God

- I. The Primary Governing Motivation for Personal Evangelism: The Proposition
- II. The Primary Governing Motivation for Personal Evangelism: The Ramifications
 - A. Love for God as our Primary Motivation Will Saturate Our Personal Evangelism with the Gospel While Warring Against the Insidious Encroachments of Legalism
 - B. Love for God as our Primary Motivation Will Provide a Sweet and Gracious Disposition in Our Personal Evangelism
 - C. Love for God as our Primary Motivation Will Provide Both Boldness and Winsomeness to Our Personal Evangelism

Third Sermon: Foundation: The Secondary Governing Motivation – Love for Others

- I. The Secondary Governing Motivation for Personal Evangelism: The Proposition
- II. The Secondary Governing Motivation for Personal Evangelism: The Ramifications
 - A. Love for Others Will Create a Burden in Us for Those Who Are in the State of Sin To See the Glory of Jesus Christ, the Only Deliverer for Sinners
 - B. Love for Others Will Compel Us to Place a High Priority Knowing the Individual and Their Peculiar Need in the Context of Personal Evangelism
 - C. Love for Others Will Always Be Following the Golden Rule as Calibrated According to the Sensitivities of the Other

- D. Love for Others Must Condition Our Personal Evangelism Through the Whole of What God's Law Teaches Concerning Our Moral Duty to Our Fellow Human Beings

Fourth Sermon: Theological Moorings: Salvation is the Work of the Sovereign Spirit of God

- I. Stating the Basics - The Baseline Doctrines of the Sovereignty of God in Salvation

- II. Observations Pertinent to a Theology of Personal Evangelism

- A. Sinners are not Neutral or Even Reasonable Parties Who Require Persuasion
- B. The Regeneration and Conversion of Sinners is God's Work Alone
- C. The Conversion of a Given Sinner is the Precise Execution of What God Determined Before there Even Was a World.
- D. Regeneration, Not Conversion, is the Fundamental Change But is Also Solely the Activity of the Spirit in Which the Sinner is Entirely Passive.
- E. Faith in the Person and Work of Jesus Christ is the Essential Ingredient, But is Also Utterly Impossible Until and Unless God Gives Faith.
- F. The Only Possible Function We Can Serve in the Interest of Sinners Being Converted is Simply to Provide the Raw Material that God May or May Not Choose to Use – But Even This We Are Unable to Do in a Worthy Manner.

- III. Practical Implications and Applications for our Understanding of Personal Evangelism.

- A. Personal Evangelism May Be Entirely Faithful and Successful with or without Conversions.
- B. The Compelling Desire in Our Personal Evangelism is to Harmonize with the Work that the Spirit of God is Doing in a Given Person at a Given Point in Time.
- C. Many Times, We Will See This Saving Work of the Spirit Unfold Over Considerable Time and Through Persistent Engagement in a Slow, Gradual, and Incremental Process.

Fifth Sermon: Theological Moorings: The Gospel and Saving Faith

- I. What is the Gospel?

First, Jesus Christ, in His very Person, is the essence of the Gospel

Second, The Gospel encompasses the entirety of the salvation that is in Christ

Third, Just as the Christ's Person and Work reach a crescendo in His death and resurrection, so also, all the truths of the Gospel inevitably point to the Cross

Fourth, Since the greatest question to be answered in the saving of sinners is how a just God can justify the ungodly, the doctrine of justification by faith alone lies at the heart of the Gospel

II. What is Saving Faith?

- A. The Spirit of God creates faith in us
- B. Saving Faith receives and rests in Christ

III. Practical Implications for Personal Evangelism

- A. Personal evangelism involves not only the Spirit's persuasion of the truth of Christ and the Gospel, but also the Spirit forging a relationship of loving trust with Christ and the Gospel.
- B. Personal evangelism occurs whenever I speak of faith in Gospel truth and trust in Christ in any of its parts, based on the person I am speaking with. the relationship we have, and the opportunity presented to me.
- C. My responsibility in personal evangelism is not to follow a process or achieve a particular result, but rather to show by my life and tell with my words the truth of the Gospel and the Person of Christ, and the faith I have in the Gospel and in Christ Himself, whatever seems fitting to the person, our relationship, and the opportunity.