



Part 3; Why does it matter?

Why does Christianity matter?

John 3:36 Jesus said; *"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them."*

The third element of evangelism, the who of which evangelism is directed at. The unbeliever, the lost are those separated from God. They are asking why does it matter? Why does Christianity matter? Why should it matter to me... am I as lost as you say? "Does it really matter what I believe as long as I believe in something?"

A great chasm separates the lost from God. This chasm is defined by a saving faith in God's Son, Jesus Christ. Hebrews 11:1 says; *faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*

[Faith](#) is the avenue God uses to bring salvation to His people. Faith comes from God in the form of a gift as Ephesians 2:8 says; *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.*

The way God gives faith to people is through His Word. Romans 10:17 tells us; *Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.* It is the Word of God that produces faith. A saving faith is given through the message about Jesus, the gospel.

Kerygma is the Greek word that means to preach or proclaim.

The gospel essentials are those foundational truths that we have biblical certainty about. The Apostles consistently shared six essentials about Christ. These are our foundational beliefs.

Acts 2: 14-41; Peter preaching to the Jews and others in Jerusalem.

Six essentials of the gospel message:

The first essential of the gospel, Jesus' life and ministry.

God authenticated Jesus as Lord and Christ through his miracles, wonders and signs.

The second essential of the gospel, Christ' death.

Christ death was a deliberate death for God's divine plan. God authenticated Jesus as Lord and Christ through his death.

The third essential of the gospel, Christ' resurrection.

God authenticated Jesus as Lord and Christ through his resurrection.

The fourth essential of the gospel, Christ exalted.

God authenticated Jesus as Lord and Christ through his exaltation.

Jesus is God as well as the anointed Messiah.

The fifth essential of the gospel, Christ salvation.

Receive two promises from God (Forgiveness and the Holy Spirit), which comes with our confession and baptism.

This sixth essential of the gospel, Christ' church.

Christ built the church. Christ is the head of the church. How can a person not be connected to a church?

Notes: