

## TOPIC: Evangelism

The Bible says that God is not willing that any perish (2 Peter 3:9). He loves you, so much so that He died on that cruel wooden Roman cross for your sins. But He also loves your neighbors, coworkers, and family members. This is one of the reasons the Book of Revelation tells us that God is going to send an angel during the Tribulation to preach the gospel to the whole world (Revelation 14:6). But I believe that God also wants to **use YOU during this time**.

The lost need to be hearing from their newly born-again friends and family members...they will need to hear the Gospel message from YOU. Will you allow the Lord to use you? I and many others pray that you will. He will give you the boldness you'll need if you'll ask Him. It says in Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."<sup>8</sup> **For everyone who asks receives, AND HE WHO SEEKS FINDS, and to him who knocks it will be opened.**" Note that YOU should be willing to come alongside other people's process of seeking and finding the Lord. We have a great responsibility to do so.

Let me give you a few quick exhortations on being a better ambassador for Jesus Christ. Number one...

**1. Be loving** – 1 Corinthians 16:13-14 says "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. **Let all that you do be done with love.**" People are going to be very scared about what is happening. The disappearance of so many people will shake the entire planet. The wars. The supernatural judgments. Be loving with them. God loves them, and our witnessing efforts will always be more effective if we reflect His love to people.

**2. Be clear about what has happened** – The disappearance of millions of born-again Christians is going to be compelling evidence that Jesus and the Bible can be trusted. But the Antichrist's false prophet and others are going to be hard at work deceiving people, giving them alternative explanations, even performing counterfeit signs and wonders in order to misdirect and deflect people from the TRUTH of GOD'S WORD. You must stand against this deception.

As one example, this is why it will be important for you to be familiar with 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18. It speaks of believers being "caught up...to meet the Lord in the air." Highlight those verses in your Bible. Show them to your friend and remember to explain that the root word for "caught up" is Harpazo in Greek and Rapturo in Latin. So, the word rapture comes from Rapturo!

Show them John 14:3, where Jesus promised that He would come again and receive His people to Himself and take us to be in His Father's house (14:2) in Heaven. Highlight that in your Bible. Be ready to show it to people. There might be an opportunity to comfort those you talk with...after all, if they have loved ones that were caught up in the Rapture then they are now safe in Heaven, away from all the danger you face. There is great hope for an eternal reunion if the person you speak to receives Christ before they fall victim to the events of the Tribulation—as long, of course, as they do not take the Mark of the Beast, which we will talk more about in a bit. God could use the fulfillment of these prophecies to open their eyes to the truthfulness of His Word.

As you're communicating this, always remember to...

**3. Be gentle & respectful** – 1 Peter 3:15 "...but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always [being] ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, **yet WITH GENTLENESS AND REVERENCE...**" Do not be surprised if you are prompted by the Holy Spirit as to what to say to someone you're sharing with. It's okay to convey a sense of urgency—in fact, it should be one of the most important things spoken of as you talk with others. When over 3 billion people are prophesied to die, no one knows just how close their moment will be. Many will stall, not receive what you're saying, and potentially be quite hostile towards you. That's okay. Let your gentleness set you apart from others...the LORD can and will use your conversation! How do we know this? Well, let's remember what it says in Isaiah 55:11 "So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding [in the matter] for which I sent it." So, although you are the bearer of the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, just know that it is the LORD that draws people to Himself. Your role to "convince" someone to receive Christ is limited, because it is the Holy Spirit that performs the work of Salvation...not you per se.

Finally,...

4. **Be patient** – 2 Timothy 2:24-26 says: “The Lord's bond-servant **must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged,** <sup>25</sup> **with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition,**” Why do we need to be kind, patient, and gentle? Well, the verse continues: “...if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, <sup>26</sup> and **they may come to their senses and escape** from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.” Paul says we must be “patient” with people and now we see why, because it may lead to their salvation.

At some point during the Tribulation, it's going to be apparent that becoming a Christ Follower could result in persecution and death at the hands of the Antichrist's government and the World System. This is going to put **ENORMOUS PRESSURE** on people to reject the gospel and give allegiance to the Antichrist. So, for many people there will be a battle raging in their hearts and minds as they consider the cost of following Jesus. **Help them think through the ramifications of their decision.** Share with them the deliberate and intentional thoughts **YOU** had to go through and be sure to provide the evidence of the truthfulness of the Word of God versus all other One World religious propaganda, indoctrination, and posturing. Remember that the track record of Bible Prophecy and the sequence of events that you get to share will greatly assist you in planting the seeds of salvation with those you speak to. Don't think that you have to be an expert in Bible Prophecy, because events are unfolding with great precision all around you at this point. It should be very doable to show those prophecies that have been fulfilled—these are quite obvious by now—and disclosing what the Word of God says will happen **NEXT** is a very, very powerful testimony. Your witness, if you follow the Word and do not depart from the sequence in the book of Revelation will convince many people. To train you on this subject matter, there are a number of audio and video sermon series that cover Daniel and Revelation on this Rapture Kit USB drive. I am very confident that these Pastors will get you up to speed very quickly. This is the very reason they gave us permission to include them! One day in Heaven, you can thank them for real!

So, as we'll get into in more detail later, taking the mark of the beast (Revelation 16:16) might bring temporary peace and safety, but that could come to an end with the very next Tribulation judgment. And it will certainly come to an end when they stand before God to be judged for their sins and end up with eternal separation from God in the lake of fire. Help them to understand that it will be far wiser to place their trust in Jesus Christ, endure whatever comes, and enter into everlasting life and joy with Him.

Brothers and Sisters, this is a very burdensome thing, and my heart goes out to you. Although you will feel a crushing sense of urgency sometimes, be patient with those you talk to if time permits. Give them the time and space to think through the decision. You don't want a false convert who just prays to receive Christ so that you will stop bugging them. We have many that are praying for you **RIGHT NOW, ON THIS SIDE OF THE RAPTURE!** In this regard, we—Your Brothers and Sisters—have gone before you! Be a light in the pervasive darkness found during the Tribulation! Be a beacon of hope and truth. **GOD WILL USE YOU!**

In our next segment, we will be talking about your seal given to you by the Holy Spirit when you come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and believe. You must be born-again before you can be sealed. Additionally, during this discussion, we'll talk about the 144,000 Jews that will evangelize the entire world—these servants of God are also sealed.