

Two Overlooked Factors In Evangelism

How Christians love each other and jointly submit to the apostles' teaching directly affects our efforts to reach the lost

Introduction

- When evangelizing, must always stay true to the message to be preached
- Expose as many as possible to the gospel
- But our evangelistic efforts are either negatively or positively impacted by two factors relating to our conduct first toward one another and also toward the apostles' teaching

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- We must be concerned with our behavior and not only the message we are teaching
- We must also be concerned with how we are following the apostles' teaching after we have been baptized into Christ
- How we love one another and are unified together standing for Truth will affect our being able to persuade others to obey the gospel of Christ

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- Jesus ate the Passover with His disciples and introduced His memorial supper
- After that, He begins to wash disciples' feet, a lowly task usually done by servants or by each individual if no servants available

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Jesus Shows Love By Washing Disciples' Feet

Joh 13:1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

Joh 13:2 During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon, to betray Him,

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Joh 13:3 *Jesus*, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God,

Joh 13:4 *got up from supper, and *laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself.

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Joh 13:5 Then He *poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

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Meaning of Jesus Washing His Disciples' Feet

- Jesus shows them an example of humble sacrificial love expressed in the task of washing their feet
- Jesus did what was needed to be done as a humble servant
- Showing them as He shows us that we should be humble servants of one another, doing what is needed to provide spiritual and physical needs of one another

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Joh 13:12 So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined *at the table* again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"

Joh 13:13 "You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am.

Joh 13:14 "If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

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Joh 13:15 "For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.

Joh 13:16 "Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor *is* one who is sent greater than the one who sent him.

Joh 13:17 "If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

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Sinful Attitudes of The Disciples That Must Be Removed

- It was not only Judas that had a sinful attitude the night before Jesus died
- The other disciples were filled with selfishness and pride that if continued would not only destroy them but also the effectiveness of their evangelism toward the lost
- These attitudes must be removed in favor of humility and willing sacrificial love for one another

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Luk 22:23 And they began to discuss among themselves which one of them it might be who was going to do this thing.

Luk 22:24 And there arose also a dispute among them as to which one of them was regarded to be greatest.

Luk 22:25 And He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called 'Benefactors.'

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Luk 22:26 "But *it is* not this way with you, but the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant.

Luk 22:27 "For who is greater, the one who reclines *at the table* or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines *at the table*? But I am among you as the one who serves.

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Luk 22:28 "You are those who have stood by Me in My trials;

Luk 22:29 and just as My Father has granted Me a kingdom, I grant you

Luk 22:30 that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

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1Jn 3:16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1Jn 3:17 But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?

1Jn 3:18 Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

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1Jn 4:19 We love, because He first loved us.

1Jn 4:20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

1Jn 4:21 And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

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We Should Be United With God And With One Another

- The night before He died Jesus prayed for His apostles to be unified along with those who would obey the gospel in future generations
- This unity based on following His word, the apostles' teaching
- When we follow His word, we become unified with God and with one another leading to others' believing in Him

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Joh 17:17 "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

Joh 17:20 "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;

Joh 17:21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

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- Unity must be based on Truth which we can never sacrifice
- We seek to patiently and lovingly study with one another about our differences
- But division sometimes must come so that we may be able to express the type of unity that will have its effect on a lost world that needs to be saved

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Eph 4:1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

Eph 4:2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love,

Eph 4:3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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1Co 1:10 Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.

1Co 11:19 For there must also be factions among you, so that those who are approved may become evident among you.

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Picture of A Loving Unified Church

Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Act 2:43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

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Act 2:44 And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common;

Act 2:45 and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

Act 2:46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,

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Act 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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