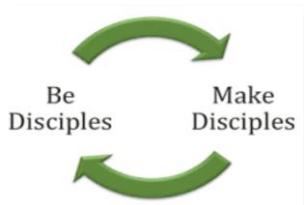


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Put Them in Remembrance (Part 2)



**LET'S GET
ENERGIZED
ABOUT
EVANGELIZM!**



Last week, we examined some benefits of helping others obey the gospel. We need to keep evangelism before us because, as Peter stated, we need to be put in remembrance of these things (2 Pet. 1:12). What are some benefits the local church will receive when we help others come to the knowledge of the truth?

First, we are involved with perpetuating the gospel and helping the local body grow. When a church stops making disciples, eventually the church will die. We should be concerned with the future of our congregation. To be sure it continues to exist and operate, we must help save lost souls. We should pray that our congregation will exist for many years and that it will be a growing organization.

Second, we benefit by enjoying fellowship with those who are now walking in the light. Fellowship cannot be enjoyed with those who walk in darkness or are outside of the body of Christ (1 John 1:7; 2 Cor. 6:14ff). To have true fellowship, one must be in Christ and be faithful to the Lord. When we evangelize it expands our net of fellowship to this person who is now walking in the light.

Third, it expands the army of the Lord. On occasions we sing, "Soldiers of Christ Arise." New converts are soldiers in the army of Christ and now become fellow soldiers with us. As the army grows, we can stomp out the strongholds of Satan to make the battlefield a little less combative for future generations. There will always be battles to fight, but the more that are in the army, the more pursuing and fighting we can do.

Fourth, it provides more "evangelizers" for the local church. New converts are usually on fire for the Lord and they are eager to share what they have found with others. Many friends and family members have become Christians because a new convert was compelled to share how good the Lord has been to them in providing salvation.

Finally, there is constant joy at the local congregation. Conversion always brings excitement and joy to the local church. It did in the first century and it can today. Hearts of members should be merry when souls are added to the body of Christ. There is "buzz" and a sense of accomplishment when we, as "planters" and "waterers" witness God giving the increase.

There are many more benefits a local body can enjoy when it is involved with evangelistic work. Let's get excited about evangelism and be put in remembrance the important work we have as children of God.

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