**Mailbox Camp Training: - Biblical Evangelism**

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*"to evangelise is to present Christ Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit, that men shall come to put their trust in God through Him, to accpet Him as their Saviour, and serve Him as their King in the fellowship of His church." Definition of Arch Bishop’s Committee of the Anglican Church 1918*

*"Evangelism is to present Christ and His Work in relation to the needs of fallen men and women, who are without God as a Father and under the wrath of God as a Judge. Evangelism means presenting Jesus Christ to them as their only hope, in this world or the next. Evangelism means exhorting sinners to accept Jesus as their Saviour, recognizing that in the most final and far-reaching sense they are lost without Him. Nor is this all. Evangelism also means summoning men to receive Jesus Christ as all that He is - Lord, as well as Saviour - and therefore to serve Him as their King in the fellowship of His Church, the company of those who worship Him, witness to Him, and work for Him here on earth. In other words, evangelism is the issuing of a call to turn, as well as to trust; it is the delivering, not merely of a divine invitation to receive a Saviour, but of a divine command to repent of sin. And there is no evangelism where this specific application is not made."* ***J.I. Packer - Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God***

**Difficult Biblical ANTINOMY:**

Rom\_9:18-22

Rom\_11:22

**What is an ANTINOMY?**

**AN'TINOMY**, n. A contradiction between two laws, or between two parts of the same law. - Websters' Definition

"a*n apparent* contradiction between two conclusions which seem equally logical, reasonable or necessary." - The Shorter Oxford English Dictionary; JI Packers

A Theological Antinomy exists when a pair of principles stand side by side, seemingly irreconcilable, yet both undeniable. Each rests on clear solid evidence, but it is a mystery as to how they can be squared with each other. You see that each must be true on its own, but you cannot see how they can be true together.

JI Packers' Explanation

*"Charles Spurgeon was once asked if he could reconcile these two truths to each other. "I would not try", he replied; "I never reconcile friends." Friends? - yes friends. This is the point that we have to grasp. In the Bible, divine sovereignty and human responsibility are not enemies. They are not uneasy neighbours; they are not in an endless state of cold war with each other. They are friends and they work together.*

**More Examples of Theological Antinomies:**

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| **Man's responsibilty:** | **God's Sovereignty:** |
| Mar\_1:15 repent | Joh\_12:37-40; Act\_14:16 |
| Rom\_10:13 call upon Him | 2Th\_2:10-12 |
| Rom\_10:9 confess the Lord Jesus | Jos\_11:18-20 |
| Isa\_1:16stop sinning | Exo\_9:16;Exo\_15:11 |
| Act\_15:17 seek the Lord | Act\_14:16 |
| Act\_17:27 seek God | Rev\_5:9 |
| Mat\_5:3 recognise your inability | Dan\_4:34-35 |
|  | Rev\_15:3Exodus 4:11 |
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**Questions?**

1. What is **Biblical Evangelism**, in the light of this Biblical Antinomy?

2. When is **evangelism UNBIBLICAL**?

3. How do you recognise the **Sovereignty of God** in Salvation and not negate **Human Responsibility**?

4. Is it enough to just share your testimony? or tell the world that Jesus loves them?

5. How did the **Jesus and the Apostles evangelise**?

**Discussion Points:**

1. God is SOVEREIGN in salvation.

2. Man is responsible for seeking after God.

3. BOTH The Sovereignty of God and Human Responsibility are Biblical truths

4. A Biblical Gospel Presentation (Evangelism) should cover the ...

* **H**oly
* **E**xcellence of God as revealed in His
* **L**aw and His unmerited
* **L**ove demonstrated in SAVING WORK of Jesus Christ on the Cross
* and the wrath of God and pending judgement in **HELL.**

1Ti\_2:5 one God and Mediator

1Pe\_3:18 Christ suffered once for our sins

Joh\_14:6 no one comes to the Father except through Him

1Ti\_1:15 Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners

 Gal\_3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law

 Rom\_5:9;

 1Th\_1:10 Jesus delivers us from the wrath to come

 Rom\_14:9 Christ died and is resurrected to be Lord of the dead and the living

**Scripture Outline:**

**The Purpose of the Law:**

Leviticus - the Law **reveals God holiness**

Gal\_3:24 - the law **leads us to Christ**

Rom\_3:19 - the laws **shuts our mouths**

Act\_24:25 - the Spirit through the Law - **convicts of sin, righteousness and judgement**

Rom\_7:15-16 - **I do not understand my own actions**. ESV

 - For what I work out, **I do not know.** LITV

 - Want **wat ek doen, weet ek nie**; AOV

**Man's Responsibilty:**

Mat\_5:3 - "Blessed are those who **recognize they are spiritually**

**helpless**. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them." GW

Act\_15:17 - so that the survivors and all the people who aren't Jewish over

 whom my name is spoken, may **search for the Lord**,

declares the Lord.

Act\_17:26-27 - that they should **seek God**

Rom\_10:13 - **call upon the name of the Lord**

Act\_2:21

Joe\_2:32

Act\_9:14

**(calling "Lord, Lord!" is not enough ... doing is)**

Mat\_7:21

Mat\_12:50

Jas\_1:22

Luk\_6:46

Rom\_2:13

2Co\_3:5

Php\_2:13