

# evangelism

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What has our congregation done in the past for evangelism?

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New Testament evangelism in the apostles' letters

Read 1 Peter 2:9-10 (CSB).

<sup>9</sup> But you are **a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises** of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

What is every Christian's calling?

Read 1 Peter 3:13-22 (CSB).

<sup>13</sup> Who then will harm you if you are devoted to what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. **Do not fear them or be intimidated,** <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. <sup>16</sup> Yet do this with gentleness and reverence, keeping a clear conscience, so that when you are accused, those who disparage your good conduct in Christ will be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which he also went and made proclamation to the spirits in prison <sup>20</sup> who in the past were disobedient, when God patiently waited in the days of Noah while the ark was being prepared. In it a few—that is, eight people—were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you (not as the removal of dirt from the body, but the pledge of a good conscience toward God) through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

What do you think makes us sometimes afraid to speak?

What are we told to be ready for?

How are we told to do this?

Why are we told to do this?

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Let’s think of and discuss some ideas for evangelism in the coming year.