

☞ 我們為甚麼要福傳 (二) ☞

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(一) 福音的兩大信息：喜訊及轉變

喜訊：不是講一個道理，而是介紹耶穌基督，天主之子，我們的救主。

1. 耶穌

最大的喜訊就如聖若望所說：「天主竟這樣愛了世界，甚至賜下了自己的獨生子，使凡信他的人不致喪亡，反而獲得永生。」(若 3:16)

「但現今在基督耶穌內，你們從前遠離天主的人，藉著基督的血，成為親近的了。」(弗 2:13)

「請看，父賜給我們何等愛情，使我們得稱為天主的子女……」(若一 3:1)

2. 救援

是基督帶給我們救援的機會，他白白的給，人有接受或拒絕的自由，但是每個人至少都應有權利聽到天主的救援。

「你們得救是由於恩賜，藉著信德，所以得救並不是出於你們自己，而是天主的恩惠。」(弗 2:8)

「我決不以福音為恥，因為福音正是天主的德能，為使一切有信仰的人獲救恩，先使猶太人，後使希臘人。」(羅 1:16)

「宣傳福音的基礎、中心及高峰，始終是清楚的宣傳，在降生成人，死而復活的天主子耶穌基督內，為所有的人提供救援，作為天主恩寵與仁慈的禮物。」(在新世界傳福音 27, 28, 34)

「基督所宣佈的福音的中心，是天主的救援之恩，即從所有的東西中將人解救出來，特別是從罪惡中解救出來，使人們認識天主、被天主認識、尋求天主及奉獻給祂的喜樂。這一切已於基督的生活中開始，並由於祂的死亡及復活定性的完成。但是要在歷史過程中堅忍地執行，以便於基督最後來臨之日完全實現，而這日子只有父自己曉得。」(在新世界傳福音: 9)

3. 天國

耶穌來此塵世，從罪惡與永死之中把我們拯救出來，並建立了天國。耶穌說：「我實實在在告訴你們：人除非由水和聖神而生，不能進天主的國。」(若 3:5)

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教友感想：

最好的禮物就是一生受用不盡的價值觀！過去遇到挫折和困難時，因沒有能力解決而時常發脾氣、傷心和難過。又因為付出的好意，得不到回報和寬待而變得執著和計較。就如五十年的姊妹情，本來是非常好的，雖然分隔兩地，仍談上一兩小時的電話。但妹妹來到紐約一個月後，就把我視作陌路人，還把我的朋友們也拉走了，這使我有被拋棄的感覺。幸好得到神父和兄弟姊妹的支持，同時透過祈禱、生活分享和靈修上的培訓，我和天主的關係變得更親蜜，愛主愛人，福音的精神整合了我的心靈，使我更認識自己。感謝主耶穌使我的心更寬、廣、闊、深和透，我的愛成長了，只求施予，不求回報。本著愛人如己的福音精神，使我得益不盡，非常感恩！

Why do we have to evangelize (2)?

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I. The two main messages from the Gospel: Good News and Transformation

Good News is not a theory, but an introduction of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Savior of our lives.

i) Jesus

The most important message in the Gospel is proclaimed by John the Evangelist, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16)

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ." (Ephesians 2:13)

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God...." (1John 3:1)

ii) Salvation

It is Jesus Christ who gives us the opportunity to be saved. He freely gives this gift to mankind. We have the freedom to receive or reject it, however, every one of us should at least hear the words of God's salvation.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel. It is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: for Jew first, and then Greek." (Romans 1:16)

"Evangelization will also always contain -- as the foundation, center, and at the same time, summit of its dynamism -- a clear proclamation that, in Jesus Christ, the Son of God made man, who died and rose from the dead, salvation is offered to all men, as a gift of God's grace and mercy." (EVANGELII NUNTIANDI :27)

"As the kernel and center of His Good News, Christ proclaims salvation, this great gift of God which is liberation from everything that oppresses man but which is above all liberation from sin and the Evil One, in the joy of knowing God and being known by Him, of seeing Him, and of being given over to Him. All of this is begun during the life of Christ and definitively accomplished by His death and resurrection. But it must be patiently carried on during the course of history, in order to be realized fully on the day of the final coming of Christ, whose date is known to no one except the Father." (EVANGELII NUNTIANDI :9)

iii) The Kingdom of God

Jesus came to the world to save us from the sin and death and He has proclaimed the Kingdom of God. Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. (John 3:5)

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Reflection on last article:

I read every month's EV article because it gives me the authentic Church teaching on evangelization and also teaches me the way to spread God's Good News to people around us. Here I would like to share with you a true story of evangelization and hope it will inspire you.

A month ago on a beautiful Thursday noon I walked through the Washington Square Park where many people were taking a lunch break under the warm sunshine. In front of the big fountain in the middle of the park I saw four beautiful young girls standing in a line singing songs. I walked closer and found they were singing wonderful holy songs, such as "Amazing Grace" and "Ave Maria". Without a word, I joined them. After 30 minutes' by the end of the singing, we held each other's hand, praying and giving our thanks to the Lord who gave us this opportunity and lovely weather to praise Him.

I found out that they are Christians: two of them are the college students and two just started working. Every Thursday they get together to sing at the Washington Square Park. I asked them, "How do you feel to sing in front of so many strangers?" The group leader replied, "Honestly, in the beginning we were scared. We think people would laugh at our mistakes. But eventually we realized that whatever mistakes we make, people will soon forget. But they will always keep in their mind the holy music and God's words. That's why we are here every Thursday."

Since then they have been my good role model in evangelization. Whenever I start worrying about the difficulties lying ahead and other worldly concerns that could hold me back from fully and actively participating in evangelization, my mind will naturally turn to these four young girls whose courage and sincerity made me realize that God is truly with us in carrying out His mission, and He is pleased to see His children making every effort to be the witnesses of the Good News.