

The Gospel Message & Conversion

Our gospel message that we present to people should be BIBLICAL. For example, the late Keith Green said, “when Jesus was giving His sermon on the mount He didn’t start playing the piano softly and having every head bowed and every eye closed, repeat this prayer...Do I see any hands?...”

As the apostles or the Lord Himself didn’t go about preaching “Jesus died for you, receive this, believe it and be saved, so we need to conform to the evangelism terminology of Scripture.

So study, seek out, search. How did Jesus call? What was the disciples message?

John Owen (X:407) suggests there is a general order God has appointed in conversion:

- i) Repent and believe the gospel to be the Word of God, to contain His will, and Jesus is the Wisdom and Power of God unto salvation
- ii) gospel faith, or saving faith, carries a sinner out of himself and self-righteousness
- iii) the Spirit convicts of sin - you become weary, heavy laden, burdened
- iv) finally, your soul finds rest in Christ. You turn to Him as the all sufficient Savior who saves to the uttermost.

In other words,

1. **Repent** - Turn thinking
 - Bible is true
 - Jesus is the only way
2. **Faith** - My goodness isn’t really good
I can’t earn salvation
3. **Spirit convicts** - My sin is too much
Guilt
4. **Rest in Christ** - Throw your soul on Christ.