

European Leadership Forum

Evangelism - Why & How?

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WHY?

Romans 1 verses 14 to 25

¹⁴ I am a debtor both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish.

¹⁵ That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷ For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed - a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." ¹⁸ The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. ²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. ²⁵ They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator - who is for ever praised. Amen.

Grace

Gehenna

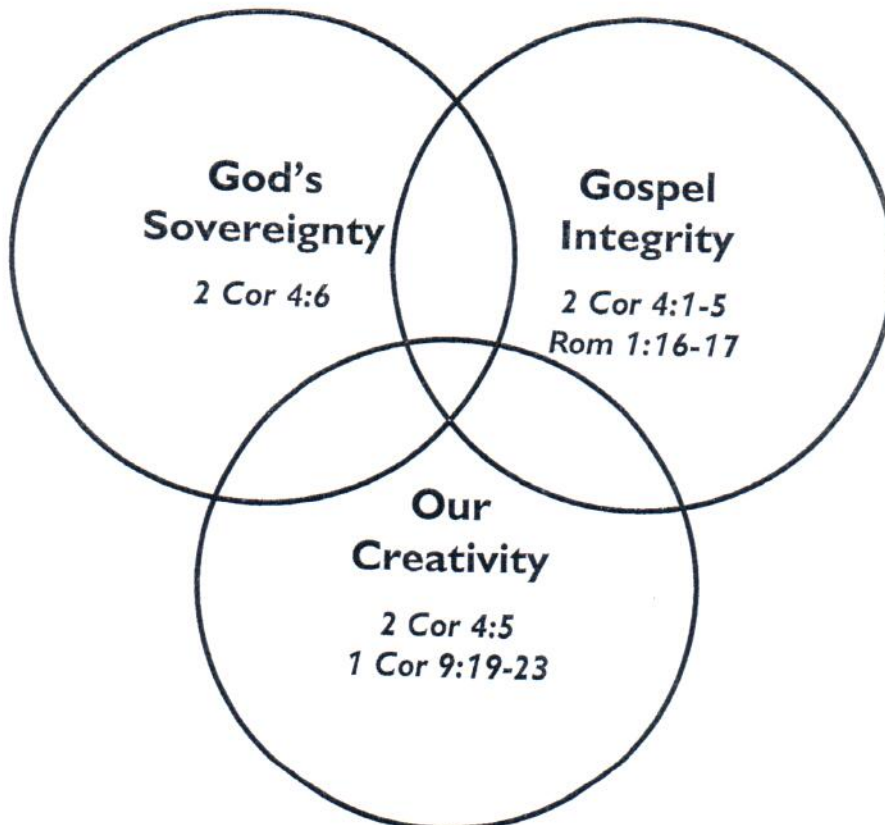
Glory

Godliness

HOW?

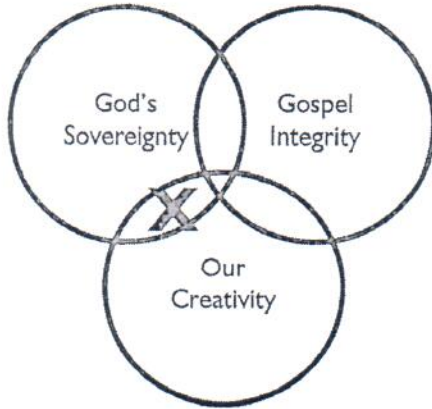
2 Corinthians 4 verses 1 to 6

¹Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

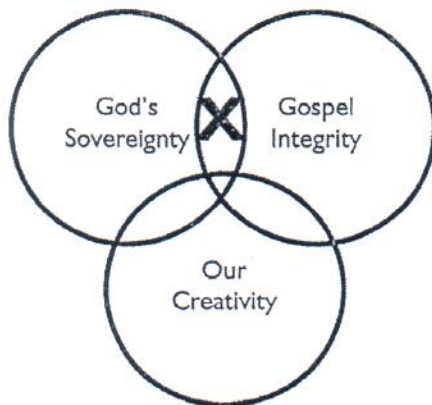


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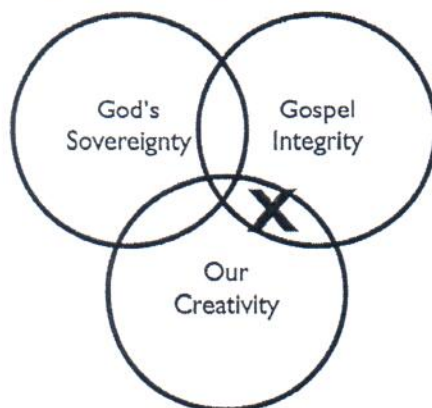
God's sovereignty and the need for creativity but **not** gospel integrity



God's sovereignty and gospel integrity but **not** the need for creativity



Gospel integrity and the need for creativity but **not** God's sovereignty



CELEBRATE

Genesis 1 verse 27

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Celebrate people made in God's image

SERVE

What's your biggest stress?

Random acts of kindness

1 Peter 2 verses 11 and 12

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Seek and serve the lost

TELL - What We Say

Ask questions and cross the pain line

"Do you celebrate Easter?"

"Would you like to come to a carol service?"

"Would you like to look at 20 sentences that are right at the centre of my faith?"

EXIT

Matthew 10 verse 14

¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, leave that home or town and shake the dust off your feet.

If they go quiet, you go quiet and go back to celebrating and serving.

If they keep speaking, you keep asking questions.