

For our gospel came not unto you in word only,
But also in power,
& in the Holy Ghost....
Thessalonians 1:5

ONLY BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST

Once someone has become a believer, the most natural desire is to share the good news. This is not, however, as simple as it may seem. Asking someone to change what they 'believe' to be true is incongruous. A belief is a belief is a belief. Certainly arguing is disrespectful & counterproductive in a case like this. So, how then are we to share the gospel news with others?

Having been an atheist for most of my adult life has afforded me an advantage in this area. I remember well the resentment I felt when well-meaning Christians tyrannized me for hours on end attempting to compel me to accept a vision of truth that was wholly outside of my existential reality. It simply does not work.

Christ said:

No man can come to me,
Except the Father which hath sent me draw him....
John 6:44

Without the power of the Spirit revealing the Truth of Christ there can be no honest capacity for belief. Certainly many people walked with Christ 2,000 years ago & all of them witnessed his miracles, but not all of them were converted believers. Christ even said he knew which were 'his', those that his Father had chosen.

And this is the Father's will which hath sent me,
That of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing....
John 6:39

There is, however, a promise for ALL men. It's this:

And it shall come to pass,
that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
Acts 2:21

When I meet someone who knows nothing about Christ, I simply ask that person to call out to the name of Yeshua to ask him to reveal himself. Remember, only the Holy Spirit can alter one's 'belief'.

It also helps to remind the person that this is a win-win situation. There is absolutely nothing to lose & everything to gain. You may also want to tell him that he does not owe anyone, not even you, information about their prayer life-

that it is a completely private endeavor. The more respectful & simple you keep the process, the more likely the individual will respond with trust & an open heart. Hopefully, this will provide some of you with a more effective understanding of how to approach those lacking the inclination to believe.