

# Evangelism, Evangelical

In an earlier time, the two terms were more closely related. But not now.

Evangelism:

- the winning or revival of personal commitments to Christ (*Websters*)
- the preaching or promulgation of the gospel (*Dictionary.com*)
- the commitment to or act of publicly preaching of the Gospel with the intention of spreading the message and teachings of Jesus Christ. (*Wikipedia*)

Evangelical:

- emphasizing salvation by faith in the atoning death of Jesus Christ through personal conversion, the authority of Scripture, and the importance of preaching as contrasted with ritual (*Websters*)
- *often capitalized* : of, adhering to, or marked by fundamentalism (*Websters*)
- adherence to evangelical principles or doctrines or to an evangelical church or party (*Dictionary.com*)
- Beliefs in the necessity of personal salvation (being born again; a conversion experience); Biblical inerrancy; atonement through the death of Jesus; and activism (*Wikipedia*)
- In modern political terms, mainly used to describe as a group, White, conservative Christians.

What do Presbyterians think about evangelism? (Handout)

What do people in the neighborhood think about Christianity?

What is our responsibility? Romans 10:5-21

## Beliefs About God

Study Area Detail	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	No Opinion	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
Everyone and everything is god	36.9%	12.0%	28.1%	13.8%	9.2%
God is a higher state of consciousness that people may achieve	26.1%	9.9%	28.2%	20.3%	15.5%
God is love and invites the world into a loving relationship	8.6%	4.0%	21.0%	25.3%	41.2%
God is the full realization of human potential	19.6%	9.2%	32.0%	19.3%	19.9%
I believe God created the world but takes no further part in it	42.7%	20.2%	25.2%	8.5%	3.5%
I believe in more than one god, i.e. many gods	59.4%	11.6%	20.4%	6.0%	2.6%
I believe in Nature and/or spirits in Nature	21.4%	9.4%	30.7%	25.7%	12.8%
I don't believe a god exists; the material universe is all that is	53.2%	13.0%	18.1%	8.9%	6.8%
I have a personal relationship with one living God, who is Lord and Savior	15.4%	6.6%	20.0%	19.0%	39.1%
I'm unsure/undecided about whether a god exists	50.6%	13.3%	17.7%	12.8%	5.6%

## Beliefs About Jesus

Study Area Detail	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	No Opinion	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
Jesus actually rose from the dead as the Bible teaches.	11.9%	4.7%	25.4%	14.2%	43.7%
Jesus belief does not require participation in a church.	13.3%	10.8%	24.7%	29.4%	21.9%
Jesus is not like his followers in the Church.	11.8%	12.6%	40.0%	20.3%	15.2%
Jesus is the only way for human salvation from sin.	16.6%	8.1%	23.5%	14.2%	37.6%
Jesus rules now as Lord of Heaven and earth.	13.6%	5.5%	27.1%	16.4%	37.3%
Jesus was a good and wise moral teacher but no more.	35.4%	15.9%	26.2%	14.3%	8.2%
Jesus was a great prophet only.	35.7%	16.7%	30.4%	11.3%	5.9%
Jesus was both divine and human.	9.9%	3.3%	24.6%	18.8%	43.4%
Jesus was the expected Jewish Messiah.	9.7%	5.1%	38.9%	15.8%	30.7%

