

# Improving Your Evangelism

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Ray Comfort is our guest today as we discuss that topic right here on The Christian Worldview Radio Program, where the mission is to sharpen the biblical worldview of Christians and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. I'm David Wheaton, the host. The Christian Worldview is a non profit listener supported radio ministry. When you make a donation, become a Christian Worldview Partner or order resources, it helps us cover our airtime costs on radio stations and pay our wonderful staff to answer your calls, send you resources, do audio production and all the administration and logistics of the ministry that goes on behind the scenes. We want you to support your local church first and if you have extra to support The Christian Worldview, we are grateful. So thank you.

Before being martyred in Rome, the apostle Paul wrote to the younger pastor, Timothy, this final exhortation. *"Be sober and all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."* That's from 2 Timothy 4:5. The message is the same for all Christians today. We are living in a day where wickedness abounds in is flaunted openly. We're living in a day where ear-tickling teachers are rampant within the professing church, who lead listeners away from sound doctrine and saving faith. In the midst of all this, man's most desperate need is still the same for every person, everywhere, to be saved, to be born again, to be justified by God. The alternative (someone, anyone dying without trusting in Christ) should gnaw at our souls.

Hebrews 10:31 says, *"It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God."* Ray Comfort, the author of a new book we are featuring today titled, *So Many Lions, So Few Daniels*, who is also the president of Living Waters, a ministry committed to evangelizing the lost and training believers to reach them, is our guest today on the program. He will explain how every Christian is called to "do the work of an evangelist," and how to turn everyday conversations into gospel conversations.

Ray is also going to answer some of the tough questions such as, What if someone doesn't believe the Bible is true? How do you use the Bible to reach them? Is repentance a part of saving faith? Or is repentance an added work to the gospel? How does God's sovereignty and man's responsibility or man's will dovetail in salvation. And finally, we will hear about Living Waters major evangelistic outreach during this summer's coronation of King Charles in England. Before we get to Ray, just a few things to keep in mind as we discuss evangelism today.

First, every Christian is called to take part in the Great Commission. Jesus' final words in Matthew chapter 28:19 were, *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you. And*

*lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.* That does not mean everyone is called to be an overseas missionary or evangelist, but some are. It does mean that every Christian should be striving to, "make disciples," right where we are through proclaiming the gospel, and if they come to saving faith, helping them along, teaching them to become a disciple of Christ.

Second, every Christian is not suited to be a street evangelist like Ray Comfort. Ray gets up, gets on his bike with his dog who wears sunglasses, and engages people with the gospel wherever he goes. That being said, some of you listening today are not suited and gifted to do just that, but at least Every Christian needs to pray for people and opportunities, to prepare to explain the gospel and proclaim it in their course of life. That is what this program is for today, to move you down the road in your evangelism. It's easy to get complacent with evangelism because evangelism is work. What does that verse say? Do the work of an evangelist. It's just much easier to have shallow, superficial conversations in life, rather than looking for opportunities and taking them, to bring up conversations about eternal things like the gospel.

Third, every Christian doesn't have to use Ray's exact evangelistic method of going through some of the 10 Commandments before giving the gospel. However, that's a very effective method because understanding one has sinned against Holy God and is awaiting eternal judgment, makes the need to repent and trust in God's provision, Jesus Christ for our sin, that much clearer. However you proclaim the gospel, you at least must communicate these things:

1. Who God is. That He is the Creator and just Judge of the universe.
2. That we, men and women are sinners before a holy God and the wages of our sin is physical and eternal death.
3. Who Jesus Christ is, that he is God's provision for our sin through His person, His perfect life and his work on the cross and his resurrection.
4. That all are called to repent and believe in Christ for salvation.

However you explain the gospel, those elements must be included.

Fourth, Ray Comfort is a model to be intentional, biblical, and reasonable in evangelism. Hearing from him, watching his videos, reading his books, such as the one we're offering today, will help you improve your own evangelism. Just take some small steps, knowing that you're not responsible for saving anyone. That is God's power to do through the conviction of the Holy Spirit, but you are called as a Christian, to sow the seed of the gospel. We'll talk more after the interview about how to pray for, how to prepare, and how to proclaim the gospel, but first, here's Ray Comfort of Living Waters and author of the book, *So Many Lions, So Few Daniels*.

Ray, it's so good to have you back on The Christian Worldview Radio Program. I want to start out by reading from page 16 of your brand new book, *So Many Lions, So Few Daniels*. It says, "If sinners truly believe that Jesus is the Christ, they will trust Him for their eternal salvation. If they don't believe, they won't trust Him. And if they won't trust Him and end up dying in their sins, they will be damned." Then you go on to write, "We must plead with them to believe that He is the Christ and to obey the

gospel.” It seems to me in reading your book that that, is really the thesis of this new book of yours. Talk about this priority of a Christians life to tell others about this gospel that can save them from judgment and hell. And how did this priority become the top priority of your own personal life?

**Guest: Ray Comfort 08:05**

About a year ago, I saw an atheist t-shirt that said, “So many Christians, so few lions,” and I thought “Man, that's about as culturally sensitive as, ‘So many Jews, so few Nazi ovens’, ‘So many blacks, so few lynching ropes’.” I was mad. I wrote that book, *So Many Lions, So Few Daniels* out of an anger, out of righteous indignation, because it seems that the church has forgotten that people are going to hell. You know, if death isn't bad enough, after death, the judgment, what an horrific thing, *to fall into the hands of the living God*. Mark 16:15 is a reproach on human nature. The Great Commission, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” It's shameful that we have to be commanded.

Think of a doctor who finds a cure for cancer. All around him are dying patients and you have to say to him, “Doc, take that cure to those patients.” No, he shouldn't have to be told. He should run to them if he cares about them, and we should run to the lost instead of having to be commanded, dragging our feet and saying, you know, I'd rather do anything than reach the lost. I know evangelism is what Spurgeon called an irksome task, and I'd rather not be involved in evangelism, but I'm a Christian. I'm like a firefighter. A firefighter doesn't give up being a firefighter just because he's got a 60 foot ladder to climb to save a woman and her two children from a burning building. He doesn't say to himself, I'm going home, I'd rather be with the wife and kids watching an old black and white movie. No, he's a firefighter. So he has to ignore his fears and think of the fate of that woman and her two children.

That's what the Christian should be like. Others, having compassion, saved with fear, pulling them from the fire that is heating in the garment spotted by the flesh. You asked, How do I obtain my impetus, the zeal? It's a high octane fuel of gratitude. I realized way back in 1972, suddenly, when I saw the holiness of God via his law, that I was condemned to hell if God gave me justice, and yet He gave me mercy. He took from me death and replaced it with everlasting life, and I cannot express the gratitude that I have to God for saving me from death. What I can't express in words I want to express in works.

So I've been zealous all my life, never lost my love of God, it hasn't wavered for a second, in the same way that I have never lost my love for my wife. My marriage is as strong as it was 50 something years ago, because I love my wife. It's a choice. It's an act of will. It's the same with God. Once we've seen the cross, how can we not love God because He first loved us?

**Host: David Wheaton 10:33**

So well said. Thank you. Ray Comfort with us today on The Christian Worldview. Let's move to an interesting portion of your new book, *So Many Lions, So Few Daniels*. On page 28 you write, “I believe one of the greatest hindrances, one of the biggest stumbling blocks to people coming to Christ, is their failure to understand the difference between belief in God and having faith in God.” Most think those are synonymous, but they're not. What do you mean by that?

**Guest: Ray Comfort 11:06**

Well, atheism is a phenomena that's just raised its ugly head in recent years. You can't find many atheists in history. They're loners. That's why in the Bible, the Old Testament, it only devotes eleven words to atheists. Psalm 14: *The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."* Psalm 53 repeats it, in case we don't get the message so that when we meet an atheist, we don't say, Oh, this is intellectual. It's just the opposite, he is an educated fool. So I never spend too much time trying to convince an atheist that God exists because I know he believes God exists because he's got the heavens declaring the glory of God, the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made.

Therefore they are without excuse, and often I'll say to an atheist, "hey, I want you to be honest with me. This denial of God's existence has nothing to do with your intellect. It's all to do with the fact that you're looking at pornography and having sex with a gorgeous girlfriend, am I right?" And often they'll smirk and say, Yeah, you are, right. Remember the prodigal son went to a far country to get away from his father because he knew what he wanted to see, he knew what he wanted to do would have been frowned on by his father. Riotous living, and it looks like he spent his substance on prostitutes. So he went to a far country.

Atheism is simply a far country. It's as far away as a cynic can get from God. Like Adam, who hid from God, once he knew he had sinned. So I don't try and convince an atheist or anyone to believe in God because I know God's given light to every man. They have a knowledge of God's existence. What I want them to do is trust in Jesus. I want to share with them the gospel.

Often I'll hear people say to me, look let's say someone doesn't believe the Bible. Are we stumped? Not at all. Unbelievers are called unbelievers because they don't believe. So, for an unbeliever to say, I don't believe the Bible, that's not a stump. That's understandable. Jesus didn't say go into all the world and convince them the Bible's the Word of God. The early church didn't do that. They didn't have a compiled New Testament, there was no such thing as the printing press. Hardly anyone could read. No, it was the gospel they were told to preach, it was the gospel they believed to be saved.

The Gospel is the power of God to salvation, acknowledging that God's Word is God's Word, indeed. When someone is born again, through the power of the gospel, then God opens the eyes of their understanding, the Word of God comes alive, and you understand the scriptures for the first time in your life. So the difference between intellectual belief and trust is the difference between life and death.

Often people will say, I find having faith in God so hard. That's such an insult. Try that with your wife. Annie, I don't trust you. I find it hard to trust you. You are going to be sleeping on the couch. You might even wreck a marriage if you don't have faith in your wife. Say to your boss, I don't trust you. You're gonna lose your job for sure. It won't be long. So, what we want sinners to do is not believe in God's existence, but have faith in His promises. Even when it comes to intellectual belief, beliefs govern our steps. If I s said to you, Dave, there's a landmine right in front of you, right where you're

walking. If you believed, you'd go around it. If you didn't believe, you'd step onto it. So faith is very powerful.

We have faith in our cars. Every time you pull up to a stop sign, you're trusting your life to your brakes. You watch the pedestrians trusting their life to your brakes. They don't even know you. They'll step out in front of your car while you're still zooming up at 20, 30 miles an hour and they'll just step out because they trust those lights and they trust your brakes and they trust your sanity. We trust pilots when we get into a plane. We don't say, I want to smell your breath to see if he's drinking alcohol. We trust the mechanics to put the plane together. So life works by faith and so does heaven. Without faith or trust, it's impossible to please God.

**Host: David Wheaton 15:00**

Ray Comfort with us today here on The Christian Worldview Radio Program. The author of, *So Many Lions, So Few Daniels*. Subtitle- *Living Without Compromise in a World in Need of Truth*. This is our new featured resource. It will spur you to get moving or to keep moving in your call to evangelism. The book is 192 pages, softcover, and retails for \$16.99. For a limited time, you can order it for a gift of any amount to The Christian Worldview. To order, go to our website, [TheChristianWorldview.org](http://TheChristianWorldview.org), call us toll free at 1-888-646-2233, or you can write to us at Box 401 Excelsior, Minnesota 55331. We have much more coming up with Ray Comfort here today as we talk about improving your evangelism. I'm David Wheaton and you are listening to The Christian Worldview Radio Program.

**Featured Resource: Revival: The Work of God 16:01**

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**Host: David Wheaton 18:08**

Welcome back to The Christian Worldview. I'm David Wheaton. Be sure to visit our website, [The ChristianWorldview.org](http://TheChristianWorldview.org) where you can subscribe to our free weekly email and annual print letter, order resources for adults and children and support the ministry. Our topic today is improving your evangelism and who better on that topic than Ray Comfort, our guest. He is the president of Living Waters. [Livingwaters.com](http://Livingwaters.com) is their website. Or you can go to our website, [TheChristianWorldview.org](http://TheChristianWorldview.org) where we have links over to Living Waters. We would highly encourage you to watch some of their evangelism videos. They have lots of them that will just stimulate you and help you understand what you might encounter when you have a conversation with someone about the gospel.

Ray, continuing with our discussion today, Jesus said, one of the first things that he's recorded to have said as he entered ministry in Mark 1:14, *Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God and saying, "The time is fulfilled," and "The kingdom of God is at hand."* It wasn't a suggestion. It was a command. Here's what he said, *"Repent and believe in the gospel."* This issue of repentance, you just talked about the importance of trusting in Christ, not just believing intellectually in who God is or that Jesus existed, but transferring your trust from yourself and your own works to trusting in what Christ did for you on the cross. What about this issue of repentance? What is repentance? You do address this in the book. How does it tie in with salvation, and how do you answer the person who says, Well, sometimes it doesn't talk about repentance? Well, John 3:16, *just believe in Jesus*. Is it adding works to salvation to say someone must repent of their sin?

**Guest: Ray Comfort 19:57**

Yes, I hear this a lot. Almost daily on our YouTube channel. "You heretic! You are preaching works salvation because you're telling people repent of your sins." Then they say in the same sentence, all you have to do is believe. They're doing exactly what they're accusing me of. They're saying the sinner has to do something. He has to believe. That's works righteousness. We're neither saved by belief, nor by repentance. We're saved by grace. Grace alone without works. We're saved by grace through faith and the way to receive that gift of God is through repentance and believing or trusting as Jesus said. Repent and believe. God commands all men everywhere to repent. Those who are so accusatory and those who say you just have to believe are often nasty, and they're revealing their own hearts. They're totally without reason. Like I said, they're nasty. They seem to lack the fruit of gentleness and love and patience and kindness, and it's probably because they've never seen their own sin.

If you open up the Divine Law, the Ten Commandments, and show any sinner that God considers lust to be adultery, hatred to be murder, anger without cause, you're in danger of judgment, lying lips are an abomination to the Lord and all liars have their part in the lake of fire. Once they see their sin and truth, that necessitates repentance. You can't have fellowship with a holy God while you're committing sin. You can't call yourself a Christian when you're fornicating and looking at pornography and blaspheming God's name. But that's what these people say it's okay to do, because all you have to

do is believe in Jesus. No, repent and believe. That's the order. Repent and believe, not believe and repent sometimes later. If you do that, you're not saved. So, it's an essential doctrine, and it's one that's thoroughly commanded in Scripture. So many places in the Bible speak of repentance unto life. Repent and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. So we've got to keep preaching repentance, and don't listen to the naysayers that don't really know scripture.

**Host: David Wheaton 22:01**

Yes, I agree. It seems that belief in Christ implies that you understand. But what are you believing? You're believing that Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, the perfect Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. You're believing in His perfect life and that you're a sinner and you need Him to save you. It makes perfect sense that you would have to turn away from your sin and repent to believe in Christ. It's just implied in even the nature of believing in Christ. Ray Comfort with us today on The Christian Worldview.

Okay, here's a tough one for you, Ray. I want to read two passages of Scripture. I want you to try to explain in the best way you know how just how to best understand the issue of God's sovereignty in salvation, and man's responsibility to believe. Romans 8:29. *For those whom God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He will be the firstborn among many brethren. These whom He predestined, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified; and these whom he justified, he also glorified.*

So there's this chain of God for knowing or for loving and predestining, and then calling them and then justifying them, and eventually glorifying them. It's of God. Yet, many times in Scripture, the most well known passage in scripture, *For God so loved the world* in John 3:16, *that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.* There's the responsibility of man. You must repent and believe as if you are just answering the last question. Now, I've heard many, many respected preacher's say that it's impossible to intellectually understand, for our human minds can't perfectly understand how this works. So how do you best understand God's sovereignty in salvation, and man's responsibility to believe in salvation?

**Guest: Ray Comfort 23:58**

Well, I have no trouble whatsoever. I'm often accused of being a Calvinist, but I'm actually a Calvinistic Arminianist. I "tiptoe through the tulips." I'm very careful, because I don't want to cut myself off from equipping Christians to share their faith by some people labeling me, but I have no trouble with the sovereignty of God.

I don't breathe without God giving me the ability to breathe. So the sovereignty of God and the responsibility of man I see in Lazarus's raising from the dead. He was dead for days. He stinketh. He can't do anything to raise himself. Jesus raises him from the dead. He could have stayed in that cave, stinking with those filthy rags around him, but he got up of his own free will and walked out of that tomb. So that I think is salvation. God makes us alive, and by our own freewill, we respond. We're made alive by the grace of God. So the sovereignty of God and the free will of man, no trouble. Two

wings of a plane. It's so sad that there are so many that cut themselves off from others by going to one wing or the other. It will just bring some sort of crash.

**Host: David Wheaton 25:03**

Now, Ray, there's common impediments. Maybe you could call them fears, to telling others about the gospel. There's telling someone we know personally, maybe a family member or a close friend we've known for a long time. We know, we anticipate what their response can be, and we fear that there might be a relationship breakdown if we kind of push too hard on this. Maybe we fear a hostile reaction of someone, like someone in our workplace or so forth. Maybe we're ashamed of being perceived as foolish. That "you believe something so simple and so religious as that?" So what are some of the important stages of growth? I'm sure you are at a different place than when you were first saved, as you describe in the book. What are some of the important stages of growth and courage that God has taken you through to to boldly proclaim the gospel?

**Guest: Ray Comfort 25:55**

Well, as a new Christian, I was like a bull in a china shop. I was like a crazy man who had found everlasting life and all around him were people who were dying. That's how I felt, and I still feel exactly the same. But I was like Peter. I had zeal without knowledge. I got a sword of God's Word and cut off ears. You share with loved ones and don't use the wisdom that often takes time, you're going to cut their ears off, like Peter did. So it's very important to realize that you need zeal with knowledge, not zeal without knowledge.

If I could have gone back to my early years and spoken to my family, instead of just saying, "look, here's four laws, say this prayer", and almost coerce them into praying, I would just say, "Do you think there's an afterlife?" That's been my salvation when it comes to sharing my faith. That's what takes Goliath down to Zacchaeus. I used to sit on planes and the guy next to me looked just so intimidating. It didn't matter who it was. I was terrified as I sat there. How am I going to bring the subject up? Oh, look out the window, clouds. Guess who made the clouds? That was the dilemma I had until I discovered maybe 30 years ago that question, Do you think there's an afterlife?

I believe in building relationships with people before I witness to them. Sometimes I'll build a relationship for one, maybe two minutes. There was a guy who had just come round to put in a box for our television set, we needed to get it changed. His name was Chris. I invited him in and asked if he'd like some eggs, because our chickens lay eggs, gave him a gift card, which softened his heart, and as I sat next to him as he worked, I said, "Chris, got a question for you. Do you think there's an afterlife?" That was about two minutes. That's building that relationship. It didn't take two years.

Chris just said: "Oh boy. No, I don't."

I said, "Really?"

[Chris] "It's actually my daughter. She's 15. She asked me if I believed in God the other day, or I asked her or something"

and I had a great time with him.



So that question, “Do you think there's an afterlife?” is such an easy way to bring up the subject, without bringing up the subject. You don't mention God, Jesus, heaven, hell, the Bible sin, righteousness, judgment to come. All you do is say, Hey, Uncle Arthur, I got a question for you. Do you think there's an afterlife? Just let them talk. Find out what he believes and try and address his concerns. That's been my biggest tool in my toolbox when witnessing to strangers.

**Host: David Wheaton 28:12**

And then where do you go from there?

**Guest: Ray Comfort 28:14**

I stay in the room. I say to them something like, Do you think heaven exists? If he says no, I just say, well, if it did, are you going to make it there? Are you a good person? That little “if”, what that does, is a great little can opener. Are you going to make it to heaven if it exists? And because remember, he's an unbeliever and he says, Yes, I'm a good person. I'm good. That's when I open up the commandments.

I just say to this guy:

[Ray] “Chris, well, tell me how many lies have you told?”

He says, Stacks.

[Ray] Stolen something?

[Chris] Yes.

[Ray] Used God's name in vain? Would you do that with your mother's name, use it as a curse word?

He says, “Never.”

[Ray] You've done it with the God who gave you your mother. It's called blasphemy, Chris. It is a bit serious.

Thanks for listening to me. Appreciate your patience. One to go.

[Ray] If you look at a woman and lust after her, Jesus said, you commit adultery in your heart. So you go through those commandments, and suddenly Chris has said, “I'm heading for hell. “

And that's when the gospel makes sense. You don't give a cure to a man who doesn't believe he's got the disease. He's gonna say, I don't want a cure. I'm healthy. Get out of my face. What you do if you know what you're doing as a doctor, is you show him the X rays, convince him that he's dying.

That's when you bring out the Cure. He says, What do I do? And the X-ray is God's commandments. That's what Jesus expounded. He gave us the x-rays and the Sermon on the Mount. All of this is expounding the law and making it honorable and showing God requires truth in the inward parts. And the law convinces us of sin, shows us our disease, so we'll appreciate the cure of the gospel,

**Host: David Wheaton 29:36**

I would encourage you if you're listening today, if you want to see how Ray shares the gospel with people on the street, people he runs into, go to their website, [Livingwaters.com](http://Livingwaters.com). or go to their app. You can see all kinds of witnessing encounters. You will learn a lot on how to interact and things to

say, and how Ray takes people through what he just mentioned, the law, and helps them understand their own sinfulness because when they realize they are sinners and they're in danger of God's judgment, then the good news seems that much better. So I really encourage listeners to do that.

Speaking of showing people their sin, on page 145 of your new book, *So Many Lions, So Few Daniels*, you write, "Thanks to the Scriptures, here is what we know about the average sinner." He wrote down five things. He has some verses next to these as well.

1. He is proud.
2. He knows nothing. (see also I Corinthians 8:2).
3. He loves to argue.
4. He has a corrupt mind.
5. He is destitute of the truth.

The question is, when you take people through the law, the commandments and help them realize they're sinners, well, you're making people feel badly. You're bringing up negative things. This goes back to the old caricature people have of Christians, their fire and brimstone and this kind of thing. So talk about the importance, Ray, of a forthright communication, truthfulness, and yet doing it with grace. How do you achieve that balance?

**Guest: Ray Comfort 31:12**

You just watch your tone. I remember many years ago, when I had my drug prevention center in the Regent Theater building. One day, the phone rang and it was before seven o'clock in the morning, it woke me up, and a friend just said, "Ray, the Regent theater building is on fire," and it was. He had no trouble convincing me because of his tone. It wasn't flippant. It wasn't in a joking way or anything. It was, "Ray, the Regent theater is on fire," and I believed and it certainly was.

We've got to convince the world their house is on fire, that they're lying asleep in bed. We've got to arouse them, let them smell the smoke, let fear fill their heart, because if they don't fear and they don't believe, they're not going to run out of that building. They're going to lay in bed and say, I can smell the smoke. I'm not alarmed. I'm not concerned. So, our tone is so important.

Often I'll say to people, "can you hear concern in my tone?" And they say, yes. "That's because I love you. I don't want you to go to hell. I would weep if I heard tonight that you died in a car crash or you got cancer and you died. It would break my heart because I love you," and some people have said to me, "how can you love me, I'm just a stranger?" I said, "Well, if you see strangers getting into a car, and it's downhill, it is a 1,000 foot cliff, 100 yards in front of them and you know those brakes are going to fail, you'll go up and you'll bang on that window. You'll say get out of your car, because you love them as strangers, you're concerned because you love them, and you're concerned for what's going to happen to them. That's exactly how we should be with the lost. The love of Christ should constrain us and should burn within us. So the tone is very important and the words we choose are very important. If you see someone in a house that's on fire, and they're asleep, you would use your words, you'd go up and say, "Get out of this house, it's on fire, do it now." You wouldn't talk about their

garden. You wouldn't talk about how old the house is, you wouldn't talk about issues that don't matter. You would go straight, and cut to the chase. That's what we've got to do with sinners, and the way to cut to the chase with sinners is just bring up those commandments. Let them smell the smoke. Take them out of unconcerned to concerned, to being anxious so they run out of that home to where they repent and say God, forgive me I'm a sinner, I need salvation.

**Host: David Wheaton 33:28**

Ray Comfort with us today on The Christian Worldview Radio Program. We're talking about, So Many Lions, So Few Daniels. The call to take the good news of the gospel and proclaim it and explain it to those we encounter in life courageously and boldly. This book by Ray Comfort is our new featured resource. It will spur you on to get moving or to keep moving in your evangelism. It's 192 pages, softcover and retails for \$16.99. For a limited time you can order it for a donation of any amount to The Christian Worldview. Just go to our website to order at [TheChristianWorldview.org](http://TheChristianWorldview.org), call us toll free 1-888-646-2233, or write to Box 401 Excelsior, Minnesota 55331. Stay tuned. We have more coming up with Ray Comfort on improving your evangelism. I'm David Wheaton and you're listening to The Christian Worldview.

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**Host: David Wheaton 36:35**

Welcome back to The Christian Worldview. I'm David Wheaton. Be sure to visit our website, The ChristianWorldview.org where you can subscribe to our free weekly email and annual print letter, order resources for adults and children and support the ministry.

Our topic today is improving your evangelism. Our guest is Ray Comfort, the author of, So Many Lions, So Few Daniels. He's also the president of Living Waters ministry. Livingwaters.com is their website or we have links over to them from our website, TheChristianWorldview.org.

Ray, I really liked the quote you have by Charles Spurgeon, the great English preacher, Charles Spurgeon. On page 34 of your book, you quote him by saying,

“And yet, sinner, [this is Spurgeon writing] this is your present position.” (Like there's a storm coming.) “No drops have fallen as of yet, but a shower of fire is coming. No terrible winds howl around you, but God's tempest is gathering it's dread artillery. Where, where. where, O sinner, will you hide your head, or where will you run to? May the hand of mercy lead you now to Christ! He is freely set before you in the Gospel: His pierced side is the place of shelter. You know your need of Him; believe in Him, cast yourself upon Him, and then the fury shall be passed forever.”

I love that kind of preaching, because it's the truth. It's about heaven and hell are real. We wouldn't want anyone, our worst enemy to go to hell, so we should have boldness to tell them the truth in love as you just mentioned. Ray, I want to bring this down to the local church though, because this is the institution that God has promised to bless his body. What is your exhortation to pastors listening today, those who are part of a local church where there needs to be a stronger preaching of the full counsel of God about sin, righteousness and judgment, and pursuing the Great Commission? What is your exhortation to really bolster and encourage churches and people in churches to really take seriously and to prioritize giving the gospel to the lost?

**Guest: Ray Comfort 38:44**

Congregations will imitate their pastor. They listen to him so much, they'll even pick up some of those phrases, so if the pastor has a bent for prophecy, so will his church. He'll reproduce after his own kind. If the pastor has a bent for the will of God to seek and save that which is lost, because that's why Christ died, that's what the cross is all about, he'll reproduce after his own kind. They will become soul winners. So what I say to every pastor, join a racquetball club, join a tennis club, join a golf club and rub shoulders with the ungodly, deliberately witnessing to them, one week ,you're going to do that. Then you're going to share the conversation you have with that person from the pulpit, so the church that you're teaching, will say, “Oh pastor condescends to the lowly task of evangelism. How cool is that?”, and they'll imitate him. Lead the flock of God. Don't tell them, lead them. Lead by example. That would be my advice to pastors, and preach the righteousness of God, the holiness of God, the justice of God. Study Biblical evangelism, check out our YouTube channel and watch people being witnessed to and realize atheists are not something to be intimidated by, and you can bring the subject up by just saying, “Do you think there's an afterlife?” Then teach your flock to do that. Even show some of our videos to your congregation to encourage them that it's not as difficult as what you

think. That's what I am thrilled about when people say, "I watch the channel a lot, I think I can do this." That is because every sinner is exactly the same.

**Host: David Wheaton 40:16**

That's exactly right. We all are sinners in need of salvation. Ray, I want to make sure we talk about this evangelistic outreach that you are doing during the coronation of King Charles this coming summer. Tell us more about that.

**Guest: Ray Comfort 40:30**

About six months ago I began thinking, King Charles, on the sixth of May, before a congregation of literally hundreds of millions around the world, live feed into a church service, is going to reach out his hand and lay it on the Bible and swear to uphold the biblical truth of salvation by grace through faith without works. He is going to carry an orb, which is symbolic of the globe, the world with a cross on the top, speaking of the reign of Jesus Christ, of the whole earth, and is going to be given a number of swords.

One is a blunt sword, the sword of mercy. Speaking of the gospel. Another sword is a sharp sword, speaking of the justice of God or judgment day. There are 10 things that are going to take place and at a two to three hour church service, the world is going to witness and they're all centering on God, Jesus, the Bible.

So I began thinking, it would be great to produce a gospel tract with a picture of Charles on one side and the gospel on the other and give them away to the millions that align the streets of London. So I made a video, sent it to my team, and just after I sent the video, I got an email from a gentleman. He said, What are you working on? So I sent him the video and he sent the ministry \$200,000. I showed someone else the video, he sent \$50,000. Showed someone else and they sent \$100,000.

So we had millions of these tracts printed. Originally 7 million now it's up to 14 million. We're giving them away free of charge and free shipping. Hear that? Free shipping, free of charge. Anyone in Canada, the US, Europe, United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand. So far in the US, 6.1 million tracts have gone out. In the United Kingdom, something like 2 million. They've had 5 million printed. We're encouraging, I think there's 1,800 Christians in the United Kingdom who are going to London, to give out these tracts to the millions that align the streets of this gold coach with a king in it and people calling out, God save the king!

Five hundred people have committed to go to London from the US. So this is a wonderfully unique opportunity to bring the gospel. I mean, when in history have hundreds of millions of the world gone to church? We're not endorsing King Charles. We're just doing exactly what Paul did in Acts 17 when he preached to the Athenians.

He quoted sinful, pagan, fornicating, blasphemous Greek poets. What did he do that for? He wanted to use them as a bridge to reach his hearers. He knew they respected the Greek poets, so he used them as a springboard. And that's all we're doing with the coronation. We have our King. We're

celebrating not the coronation of an earthly king, but the coronation of a heavenly King, and celebrating the fact that millions are going to get the gospel all because of this outreach. If people want free tracts, free shipping, they just need to go to [Livingwaters.com/london](http://Livingwaters.com/london). That's [livingwaters.com/london](http://livingwaters.com/london). It's easy and we'll mail them to you anywhere in the US or anywhere in Europe, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand.

**Host: David Wheaton 43:23**

This is what we love about you, Ray, and your ministry, Living Waters. As you look at that, the coronation of the king as an opportunity not to get out of town but to get there get in the middle of it run toward where unbelievers are that need to hear the gospel. So, so, so good. We have those links in our website as well, [TheChristianWorldview.org](http://TheChristianWorldview.org) if you want to get involved in that, or get a copy of Ray's new book, *So Many Lions, So Few Daniels*. Let me just follow up on a question related to that.

The society in Britain and in America has really entered a full throated God rejection stage. We see it everywhere with morality, the violence, the crime, the worldview, and you mentioned the institution of society. One thing after the other is complete, full God rejection mode.

As I was reading your book, I was thinking, How will Jesus rule over this world when he returns to reign? We hold to the millennial view that he's going to reign for a literal 1000 years, not assuming you do, but I know you believe in Jesus' return to reign. How do you think Jesus is going to reign over a world that will turn into one that rejects him?

**Guest: Ray Comfort 44:40**

What King Charles is going to do is hold on to a scepter. That's a rod that's symbolic and finds its roots in the scepter or the wooden rod that Moses held and opened up the Red Sea. He stuck his rod out and God honored that. The rod speaks of authority. And we know when Charles has that rod in his hand that scepter in his hand, that shows him that he has a certain authority, but it's under the authority of God.

Well, the Bible tells us when the King of Kings comes, when the Lord of Lord comes, He's going to rule the nations with a rod of iron. It's not going to be wood, it's not breakable. This is a rod of iron, and all the nations to the Lord is a drop in a bucket. I think the original I heard once is that it is not a bucket of water with a drop in it, it's a bucket that's been tipped up and over and the drip has dropped out.

All the nations together are absolutely nothing compared to God. So one click of God's finger, if I may use an ethomorphic phrase, and all the nations will obey Him, because He can reign fire down from heaven if He so wishes. He can give us the itchies. You know, you look at some of the diseases that just drive us crazy in this life. I'd hate to be under God's judgment and receive it because the Bible actually describes men in the book of Revelation enough to give you a nightmare, have your hair stand on end.

Well, they'll gnaw their tongues in pain and blaspheme the name of God because of his judgment. So I'd rather fall under the face of the Son than fall into the hands of the living God on Judgment Day. It's a fearful thing.

**Host: David Wheaton 46:09**

Yes. Thank you for explaining that. This is the final question for you, Ray. Your book has so much about Daniel, and he's one of the heroes of Scripture. I can't remember anything negative being written about Daniel in Scripture, as opposed to other heroes of the Bible like King David and others, there were negative, even Moses and so forth. There were obvious sins that were written about them, but Daniel, there wasn't. Not to say he was sinless, of course, but he lived in this very contrary culture, taken out of Israel, taken to Babylon, it was a godless, idol worshipping place. Yet he was able to live out his faith in God there very publicly. He boldly served under many different kings. He not only lived in a corner there, he was very prominent in that society. So as we close today, Ray, what should we as listeners to the program and what you've been talking about today, what should we be emulating through the power of the Holy Spirit? What took place in Daniel's life as it applies to how he lived his life? And then how he proclaimed about who God is?

**Guest: Ray Comfort 47:22**

Yes, I was behind the door when talent was given out. I can't sing, I can't dance, I can't run. I'm sure there's not much I can do, but I can have faith in God. Anyone can have faith. You can have faith in your car, faith in a plane, a lot of people have faith in parachutes, faith in other people, some people still have faith in politicians. So faith is something we can all exercise. It's a level playing field. So you're going to do as great of things for God as much as you have faith in Him. Daniel had faith in God.

The Bible tells us in the book of Hebrews, he stopped the mouth of lions through his faith in God. Have faith in God. Don't be intimidated by lions. If the world says back down, don't do this, fling open your windows, pray openly, so to speak. That's what Daniel did. Don't be ashamed. Don't be intimidated. If the world says Shut up, I'm going to speak louder. I'm going to lift up my voice as a trumpet and show the people their transgressions, nothing is going to stop me.

Say to yourself, a blind, anemic, weak kneed fleeing on crutches has more chance of defeating a herd of 1000 wild stampeding elephants, than this world has of stopping the will of God. There is nothing they can do to stop God's will. And if you're a Christian, you've aligned yourself with God's will. You've had to go to seminary experience and said, "Not my will, but yours be done."

**Host: David Wheaton 48:42**

Ray, thank you so much for being a model like Daniel in our lives, to boldly preach the gospel, to commit your life to following Christ, and not hold back. We thank you for what you're doing and what Living Waters is doing. We thank you for coming on The Christian Worldview Radio Program today and nothing but God's best and grace to you.

**Guest: Ray Comfort 49:02**

Thank you David.

**Host: David Wheaton 49:04**

Well I hope you gained by listening to Ray Comfort today and that you are spurred on in your own call to evangelize the lost. I know he's had that impact on my own life over the years. Again, our new featured resource is his book, *So Many Lions, So Few Daniels*. It's 192 pages, softcover and retails for \$16.99. For a limited time you can order for a donation of any amount to The Christian Worldview. All of our contact information will be given immediately following the program.

I want to conclude the program by reading the passage that was referenced at the beginning. Paul's final words to Timothy in Second Timothy chapter four where he says, *I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom. So know who God is. He is the judge of the living in the dead. Verse two. Preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine. But wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.*

This was written about 2000 years ago, and it's the exact same environment we have today, but what does Paul say in verse five for Timothy? *But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.* Paul knew God's purpose for him and for us today, to be an ambassador, one who represents, who speaks for someone who has sent him. God has placed you and me in our own situation, at this particular time to represent him. So:

1. Let's pray daily and ask God that he would help us have greater evangelistic zeal and opportunities. We must have compassion on the lost, that they are on their way to eternity in hell if they don't repent and believe in the gospel
2. Prepare. Write down your own testimony, including the pillars of the gospel, who God is, who we are as sinners, who Christ is as the great Redeemer, and the call to repent and believe in Christ. Memorize a few verses, always use scripture, that is your most powerful tool in evangelism. Finally, from praying to preparing.s
3. Proclaiming. You don't need to hammer people over the head, you don't need to force it down someone's throat. There's no example of anyone being argued or threatened into salvation.

You could just start out by giving them a verse like John 3:16. *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.* God created us to be in relationship with Him. We have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God and we are under His judgment, but God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for our sin. We must receive that truth by faith. We must repent of our sin and trust in who Jesus Christ is, the Son of God,



and what He did for us on the cross. He paid the penalty we deserve to pay. When we believe in Christ, God promises to forgive us and give us eternal life.

Thank you for joining us today on The Christian Worldview. Let's remember, Jesus Christ and His Word are the same yesterday, today and forever. So until next time, Think biblically, live accordingly, preach the gospel, and stand firm! The mission of The Christian Worldview is to sharpen the biblical worldview of Christians and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. We hope today's broadcast encouraged you toward that end.

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