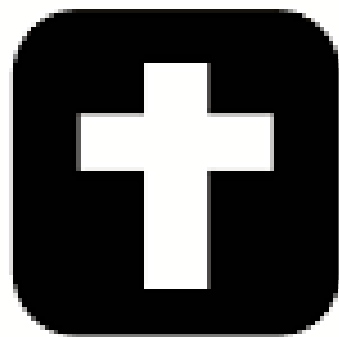
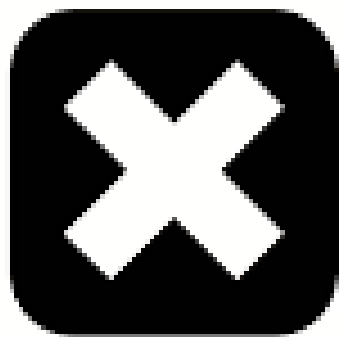




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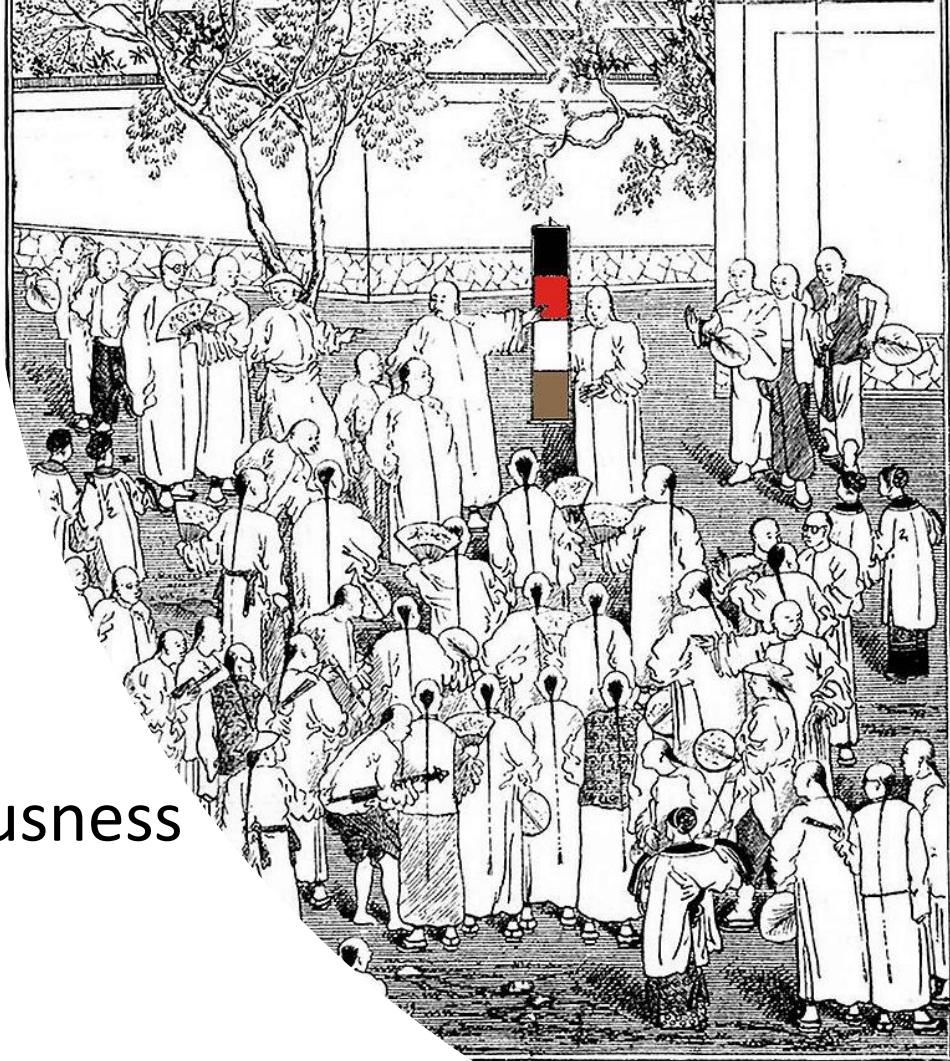
Hudson Taylor and Spurgeon's Wordless Book (c. 1870) evangelism

Black: the sinful state

Red: the blood of Jesus

White: God's perfect righteousness

Gold: Heaven





Why did Jesus come?

1. To save a lost world of sinners
2. Fulfil requirements of law
3. To serve the Father and seek his will
4. Restore relationship and life
5. To reveal truth and expose the heart
6. Proclaim the reality of the Kingdom of Heaven



Good News!

John 3:1-21



Jesus...said to [Nicodemus],

“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God... Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

John 3:3-8



Jesus explains the New Life

- We are of the Spirit
 - So we understand mysteries
 - and we are One



Jesus explains the New Life

- We are from above
 - Heavenly citizenship
 - Location
 - Mindset



What does born again mean?

Word “again” is actually:


ἄνωθεν – anothēn

meaning = “from above”



Jesus explains the New Life

- We are new creations with a different origin
 - Our new birth is of a different order, which is new in every way



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new (*kainos*) creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Now all things are of God...

2 Corinthians 5:17-18



New (kainos) Creations

καινως (Kainos) = New kind, unprecedented, not seen before. New as to form or type, of a different nature from that which it is contrasted to as old.



Jesus explains the New Life

- We are of the Spirit
- We are from above
- We are new creations with a different origin
- Now we can live...



Being born from above is the
entry requirement not the aim

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John 3:3-5



4 Points seems incomplete



What does born from above mean?

- It means that we can see and enter the Kingdom of Heaven now. It is at hand!
- That's Good News, that's the Gospel




Good News!



Good News!

Engaging the Kingdom



You have come to **Mount Zion** and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an **innumerable company of angels**, to the general assembly and church **of the firstborn who are registered in heaven**, to **God the Judge of all**, to the **spirits of just men made perfect**, to **Jesus the Mediator** of the new covenant, and **to the blood** of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

Hebrews 12:22



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Engaging the Kingdom - How

- Nothing we can do
- Faith, not sight
- Use existing doorways
 - Scripture
 - Past encounters