

EvangeCube Presentation: “New Life” in King Jesus and the “Kingdom of Heaven”

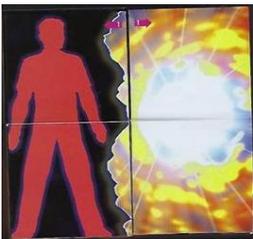
Opening for sharing a “Full Gospel” presentation using the EvangeCube

I’m going to use this little cube with its 7 pictures to share how Jesus changes us and the world.

- *The Bible tells us: a) “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1)”;* b) *“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God (John 1:1)”* AND c) *Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion...” (Gen. 1:26)*
- **In the beginning, the Bible tells us that God created the earth for humanity to live in peace with God and with others. People were created to reflect God’s character (Word) as they enjoyed God’s peaceful order for the beauty of the earth.**

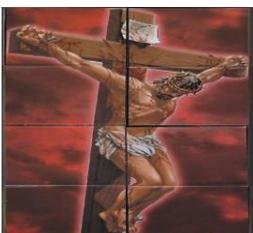
Picture/Scene 1 – “Kingdom of Light” and “kingdom of darkness”

- The Bible tells us that the Lord, *“God is Light and in Him there is no darkness. (1 John 1:5)”* The Light in this picture represents God and His perfect Way for life like the sun which always shines bright.
- The darkness in this picture represents stepping out of the Light or going another way. The Bible tells us that humanity fell into darkness shortly after creation (Gen. 3:23) as they went their own way. The red represents humanity walking in their new way of sin (disobedience).
- **Once humanity stepped out of God’s Light, sin prevented them from stepping out of darkness back into God’s perfect order for His creation. Now, all people are born into a life of sin and darkness where they’re powerless to return to God’s perfect order (Light)...but God sent us His Son to rescue us from this predicament.**



Picture/Scene 2 – Light Breaking into Darkness Through Christ

- *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him should NOT perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)”*
- **Jesus, God’s sinless “Word and Way” which was with God at creation (Col. 15). He took on flesh to take the punishment for humanity’s sin. His life leads people back into God’s Light. He came full of “grace and truth”. His sacrifice for the forgiveness of sin and His “Spirit and Truth” move those who trust in Him from darkness into God’s Light. Without the sacrifice of Jesus there is no way to escape the darkness, curse of “sin and death” its unending cycle.**
- *“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8) “The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:14)”.*



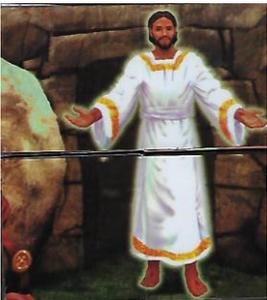
Picture/Scene 3 – The World's futile attempt to hold back The Light

- *“They went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard. (Matt 27:66)”*
- **Jesus along with Old Testament prophecy foretold that he would be crucified and raised from the grave (Mark 8:31). Therefore, the Jewish leaders requested that Roman soldiers be posted at the tomb, grave site of Jesus after His death. The soldiers even rolled a large stone in front of the tomb and placed a Roman seal on it. The seal was placed there to warn that anyway who touched the stone would be crucified like Christ.**



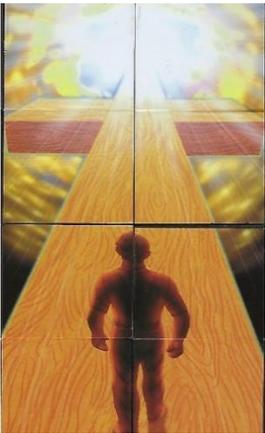
Picture/Scene 4 – Jesus, The Living Word is Risen, Front and Center Like the Sun in the Sky

- *“An angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door. (Matt. 28:2)”*
- **Jesus paid the price of a righteous life given for all of humanity's sin on the cross. Now He is risen from the grave. God accepted His sacrifice for us and He is seated on God's "throne of Grace" in heaven. King Jesus has brought access to God's eternal "Kingdom of Heaven" to earth (Light). Humanity had been handed the key to enter God's Kingdom of everlasting peace through faith in Christ. Now God's rescued people proclaim with their lives the Lord's "Good News", that one can enter into a "new life" of walking in God's Light with the past, sin and darkness, behind them.**



Picture/Scene 5 – God’s Invitation / Call to come back into His Light

- *Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6)”*
- **Only through the “life, death and resurrection of Christ” can one be brought back into God’s Light, His Perfect Way (holiness). The “Good News” of Jesus calls one to turn their lives over to Him. God’s Holy “Word made flesh”, His Son must be received in “Spirit and Truth” to walk in God’s Light, His Way of everlasting life.**
- *“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name (John 1:12)”*



Picture/Scene 6 – Where do we stand from God’s perspective?

- **Let’s summarize God’s plan for humanity from the beginning of creation: “God created the world for humanity to live in peace with Him and with others. God created people to co-reign with Him over the earth as they trusted in His Word of eternal life.”**
- **Have you considered the reality of eternal “life and death”? Which one of these are you shaking hands with now? Have you entered by faith into God’s “Kingdom of Light, Heaven” or are you still living in the world’s “kingdom of darkness”?**
- *“For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life (Romans 6:23)”*



Picture/Scene 7 – Walking with Jesus in God’s “Kingdom of Heaven”

- **What does it look like to be walking in God’s “Light, Kingdom of Heaven”? Does your life revolve around praying to God, reading His Word, fellowshiping with other believers in all kinds of settings and telling others about Jesus?**
- **Has the life of walking in darkness become a thing of the past? Have you opened your heart to trust in Jesus alone for bringing you into a “new life” of walking in God’s Light, eternal “Kingdom of Heaven”? Has faith in God’s presence inspired you to live a life of proclaiming the Lord’s Good News?**



- **Has the time come or is now the time for you to answer God’s call to enter into His “new life”? How does Scripture instruct us to do this? *“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)”***
- **Would you like to turn to God and receive His Son? Would you like to be baptized into the “life, death and resurrection” of Christ? Would you like prayer to receive the Holy Spirit and to put the past of being hopelessly stuck on the path of “sin and death” forever behind you through the “grace and power” of God?**

FINAL NOTES: Assisting one to receive Christ and enter into the “Kingdom of Heaven”

- Water baptism for those who decide to receive Christ immediately or as soon as possible is **STRONGLY** recommended.
- While praying for people to receive Jesus and God’s call to follow Him one should be aware that many need to be delivered from their past and bondage they might have picked up along the way. Therefore, be aware of what’s going on as you pray for someone to receive the Holy Spirit. Forget for a minute about theology and remember there is a spiritual battle for souls going on here. Again, when one is water baptized and comes out of the baptism water, many need the Holy Spirit to set them free from what they just died to. Baptism is more than symbolism going on here (Romans 8:3-5).
- The Holy Spirit deposits inside us the “Good News” upon hearing and receiving the “Good News”. The Holy Spirit rests upon us to equip us with His presence to rend the heavens as His ambassadors are sent to others so they may experience the Kingdom of Heaven falling on them and be set free by God’s “Spirit and Truth”.
- Discipleship in the full teachings of Christ is the path for the “new life” in Christ and God’s Kingdom of Heaven. *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)”* When one walks in the full teaching of Christ they definitely use the “authority and power” of God accessed via calling on the name of Jesus and walking in the Spirit.