

The Printed Word Still Matters

In his study of *Evangelism in the Early Church*, Michael Green noted that in addition to the methods of public, household, and personal evangelism, the earliest Christians made use of *literary evangelism*: “Those with the talent could write. And they did. In fact, they invented an entirely new literary form, the Gospel, to carry their evangelistic message.”

Of course, our world is technologically quite different from that of the earliest believers. Societal and personal use of audio and visual media continues to expand and increasingly influences our world. The potential for good from these media is breathtaking to think about.

But the printed word—even in digital form—can still have a lasting benefit. In the words of Joe Barnett, it “can be read, reread, studied, and meditated upon, just as we do the Scriptures.”[†]

Even in our increasingly audio-visual world, I believe the printed word can still make a difference. But like any teaching ministry, some financial support is necessary for it to continue (cf. 1 Cor 9.9; 1 Tim 5.17-18). The Tip Jar link is a way readers who benefit from these writings can help me continue to prepare and share them.

I appreciate your readership. And whether expressed through the Tip Jar or not, I am grateful for notes of appreciation or other feedback I receive.

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[†] Michael Green, *Evangelism in the Early Church*, rev. ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2003), 346.

[†] Furman Kearley, “Evangelism Through the Printed Page,” *Rescue the Perishing: 1987 Harding University Lectures* (Delight, AR: Gospel Light Publishing Company, 1987), 676.