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Let the Nations Be Glad
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“Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.” – Psalm 67:3-4

Psalm 67:3-4 reminds us that when we share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others, we are inviting them into a life of joy. Sometimes, we can get confused about this. We can begin to think of evangelism as winning a religious argument with our non-Christian friends. We can begin to think that our task is to intellectually convince someone of the superiority of the Christian worldview.

But evangelism is actually a declaration of the good things that God has done for sinners through Jesus Christ. It is a call to sinners to turn from their sins and experience a restored relationship with God. Evangelism is an inviting of our unsaved friends, family members, and co-workers into a relationship with God that is marked by JOY. The Psalmist doesn't pray, “Let the nations follow a system of religion!” He prays, “Let the nations be GLAD and sing for JOY!” (v. 67:4a). May God use our evangelism to make many glad in God.



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