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Visitation

Visitation, what a strange name for the process of going out and “preaching the Gospel to every nation.” Not that we’re not “visiting” people when we go to their homes, but I know for me, and many others, it seems like we should call it “Confrontation” instead of visitation.

For example, once, while door-knocking with Greg, we started talking to a gentleman who told us he was Catholic. Not an uncommon response from someone who has lived in Cincinnati for some time and is privy to the fact of the strong Catholic heritage that this city holds onto. None-the-less, he began to explain to us in matter-of-fact sort of way, how he was in good shape, not concerned and was going to be fine when it became his time to die. Not too shocked by his ignorant yet confident response, I proceeded to tell him in a matter-of-fact sort of way, how that he should be concerned with what God says when the Judgment comes. I explained to him that it’s not your works that get you to heaven; it’s repenting from your sin and putting 100% faith in what Christ did on the cross for us, and not about anything that you or I can do.

Well, it shouldn’t be too much of a surprise, that he got very angry after my comment and asked us to leave. Furthermore, he thought it would deter or scare us by telling us he was going to call the police, which it did not. It did make for interesting conversation the rest of the night and showed Greg and I how cold and indifferent the world can be when presented with the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Though door knocking or visitation may be inconvenient for us and a confrontation may occur, it’s our job to keep the lost from that final confrontation with God Almighty at the Great White Throne Judgment. It can be a little embarrassing for us to get a door slammed in our face down here, but how much more embarrassed we would be to see the people we did not witness to, though given the opportunity, cast into eternal darkness.