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To be a Christian is to be an evangelizer. When the Catholic Church calls us to a "New Evangelization," that's simply a reminder us of what has always been true. The good news is: you can do it - you can evangelize - and Scott Hahn shows you how.

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## **Rich says**

As with every other book of his, Scott Hahn remains eminently readable. This was a good work and I definitely enjoyed reading it. I must say that during the sections where he lays out his "how to", which honestly, is most of the book, not much is new. However, once he began the section which broke down the basic \*content\* of the Kerygma, he had several valuable insights. For example, when speaking about the Eucharist and answering the objection that the Mass wasn't in the New Testament, he says,

"It \*is\* the New Testament. The Eucharist is the New Testament. That's what Jesus himself says in the Gospels as he institutes the Eucharist: 'This...is the new covenant in my blood'. The Latin word for covenant used in that verse is *testamentum*...It was their liturgical proximity to what Christ called the New Testament - the fact that they were read in the Mass where the Eucharist was celebrated - that eventually earned those books their collective title."

And that's precisely why I'll likely always enjoy Hahn. Even though the Scott Hahn drinking game (where you drink every time he mentions "Covenant") would likely knock me out in a matter of minutes, it is these types of insights and connections that make me enjoy him when I'm looking for some casual theology or good catechetical material.

Quick read. Worth your time.

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## **Basten05 says**

### **Wow for the ones who want to be real and better Catholics**

Wow for the ones who want to be real and better Catholics, no excuse.  
We know but sometimes don't want to follow what our Church asks us to do

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## **Calvin Ohsey says**

Scott Hahn work on New Evangelization just blow my mind. Living as a Christians in 21st century make us reflect that being Christians is not just matter on being saved or not. It matters for us to know what we believe. As from believing, we need to proclaim through words. And from our words, we need to show it by deeds. And it is not enough just on what can say or live it but we need to share with others and bear for others.

Understanding the key point of preaching in Evangelization, we need to know and helps others to understand that (1) God loves us, (2) We had sinned, (3) Christ had died and risen to save us, and (4) we have to respond with faith. Beautifully and explained from chapter to chapter, Scott Hahn helps to bring New Evangelization

not just in theory but also from the perspective of his own life testimony as Protestants to Catholic converts.

I recommended all Catholic clerics, religious, pastoral workers and people of God to grab and read this book and by prayer and discernment made daily to God to reflect and make commitment to proclaim the Good News in many ways or means in our studies, work or daily life.

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### **Terry Pellegrino says**

Great book from probably the most famous modern Catholic convert. " We evangelize not just through our words, but through our deeds. Not just through what we say, but through how we live. Not just through what we share with others, but through what we bear for others."

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### **John Prejean says**

#### **Awesome Guide for the NE**

Such a beautifully written book which can and should be used as a guide for the New Evangelization! A must read!

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### **Kurtis Kiesel says**

The book is overall excellent, Hahn repeats some material in more detail in past writings. The book crescendos at the very end.

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### **Kristi says**

This book is just fantastic!

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### **Emily says**

Finally getting around to finishing this! It's very interesting & well written. As a Protestant with only a stereotypical understanding of Catholicism it answers a lot of questions in simple language without getting too bogged down in theology.

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### **Bobby Krueger says**

One of the most concise presentations of the faith I have come across. This book sets the New Evangelization into its context, shows how everyone is meant to be involved and what the specific mission fields are for each person, and then goes on to offer the essential kerygma to illustrate how we evangelize! This will be at the top of my recommend list!

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### **Victor Feria says**

This is a great book. I will be advising our members at St. Michael Apologetics Society to get one. If I can get a discount I can even purchase it for the group. In fact we can use this as reference in our Manual for Lay Catholic Apologists.

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### **Kerry says**

Although it took me most of the year to read this, it was very good.

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### **Stuart says**

The New Evangelization is the latest buzz phrase in the Catholic world. Everyone is using it, and it seems like there's always a new Catholic book being written on the subject. Ralph Martin addresses the subject in *The Urgency of the New Evangelization*, and Cardinal Wuerl also had his say in his book *New Evangelization: Passing on the Catholic Faith Today*. In one of his latest books, *Evangelizing Catholics*, Dr. Scott Hahn has decided to weigh in on the matter as well.

The book is divided into three parts - The Call, The Response, and The Message. Part I - The Call goes into detail on what the New Evangelization is, including what it is; where/when it started and how its grown; how it is a Catholic reality; and how it is a mission for the whole Church. If you are familiar at all with the New Evangelization most of this information won't be new to you. It was interesting to read his description of three notable byproducts (read conversions) due to the New Evangelization. These three names are Abby Johnson (former Planned Parenthood worker, Kevin James (Hollywood actor), and Francis Beckwith (former President of the Evangelical Theological Society). Each came to the Catholic Church through different means, but all were results of the New Evangelization.

Part II - The Response shows different models and methods in the New Evangelization. The first two chapters in this section look at the Gospels and the Early Church for lessons. Dr. Hahn says that the "blueprint for the New Evangelization can be found in the Gospels of Matthew and John. These lessons include - 1. Proclaim a Person (Jesus), 2. Proclaim by Words and Deeds, 3. Proclaim the Church, 4. Proclaim the Fulfillment of the Covenant, and 5. Proclaim the Sacraments. After these two chapters are my favorite two chapters in the book. Chapter 8 puts the emphasis on evangelization beginning at home, and I wholeheartedly agree. Even if you go to weekly Mass and send your kids to Catholic schools, it is still up to you to instruct your children in the way of the Faith. Chapter 9 explains the difference between a ministry (reserved for clergy) and an apostolate (reserved for laity). He also clears up the muddy waters of the role of clergy and the role of laity. Using St. Paul's example of being one body but different members, he lets us know that is not the eye's (clergy) job to be an ear (laity) or vice-versa. Feel free to substitute whatever body parts you want for that example. The point is we each have a part in the Church, and we shouldn't overstep

our bounds and try to do what is not ours to do.

Part III - The Message talks about the subjects of sin, atonement, covenants, and love. In these chapters, Dr. Hahn not only lays out the content of the New Evangelization and puts it clearly that conversion is a lifelong process. There is no "once saved always saved." We must be ready evangelizers and ready to be evangelized. When it comes down to it, the New Evangelization isn't just about converting the "unsaved" but also about educating the faithful. The book closes with two realities - 1. everyone dies and 2. everyone who died lives on in heaven, hell, or purgatory. Where will you spend the rest of it? As with all of Dr. Hahn's books they make you think, this one is no different. If you have an interest in the New Evangelization, check out this book and the others mentioned at the beginning of this review.

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### **Lisa Thibault says**

This book is a must-read for all Catholics, whether practicing or not. So many great points of our faith are mentioned, and Hahn does a perfect job of explaining not just why but how to evangelize.

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### **Richard Grebenc says**

I have read many of Scott Hahn's books, but I will not hesitate to say that this is my favorite one yet. With a flood of books on the New Evangelization coming out in recent years, Dr. Hahn still manages to add much that is fresh to the conversation.

The book is divided into three major parts: The Call, The Response, and The Message. Prepare to be challenged in each section starting in the very first chapter: "[The New Evangelization] is the mission with which you and I have been charged. And it is a mission shot through with the weight of eternity, one for which each of us 'will give an account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead' (1 Pet 4:5)." This is a responsibility with everlasting consequences, and the author does his level best to equip us for this duty.

The first part provides a fascinating history of the New Evangelization, lets us know that evangelization is not the sole property of Protestants, emphasizes the indispensable role of the laity in evangelization, and stresses that evangelization involves the whole person (mind, body, and spirit) over the course of a lifetime (with a special emphasis on the Eucharist).

The second part begins by looking at the proclamation of the gospel writers as a model for us today and then looking at the early Church's radical approach to family and society that still applies today. Next the focus is on the seven steps to make the family the primary field of evangelization. But it doesn't stop there as we spread the good news (with hints how best and most appropriately to do so) to friends, neighbors, coworkers, fellow students, the media and more.

The last part serves as a catechesis and apologetic for the Catholic faith. We Catholics must be well grounded in our understanding of sin, atonement, covenant, and the Mass if we are to be properly equipped to share the Faith with others. Hahn does a phenomenal job, in a clear and concise way, of helping the reader understand these key concepts. Finally, we are told that we are called to be faithful, not successful -- it is not "our" success, anyway, and we only set ourselves up for disappointment. "[F]idelity is what God wants from us. He wants us to live the Gospel, and he wants us to proclaim it. He wants us to love him, and he wants us

to lead others to his love." (166)

I cannot recommend this book too highly. Get a copy. Mark it up and then keep it handy. Get additional copies for friends and family. Recommend it to your pastor and see if you can start a reading group at your parish. Or maybe just gather your Catholic friends and do something on your own. This book will get you fired up for the New Evangelization by its powerful call, helpful approaches, and beautiful exposition of the faith.

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### **Jed Park says**

Who knew 5 years ago I would be joining a Church that needed evangelizing? Hahn does a great job of describing the reasons for Catholics not knowing their faith, and practical suggestions to help the situation.

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