Modern Evangelism (Neo-Finneyism)

- 1. The view of the salvation process is determined by the needs of man.
- 2. Salvation emphasizes what man can receive from God
- 3. The theme of salvation is the reception of eternal life
- 4. Man is the subject of salvation
- 5. There are varying degrees of man's ability to choose God
- 6. The Holy Spirit's role is to persuade
- 7. The preacher's role is to preach for decisions to battle the hearer's will
- 8. The gospel is the offer of the possibility of salvation
- 9. The gospel emphasis is to meet the needs of man
- 10. The central issue of the gospel is the offer of eternal life
- 11. Man is the reason Christ died
- 12. Man has the power to accept the gospel
- 13. Evangelists fix the time for decision
- 14. Man can choose God at any time
- 15. Assurance is a ministry assigned to man
- 16. Assurance is pronounced by man
- 17. The focus of assurance is scriptural promises

Puritan Evangelism (Biblical)

- 1. The view of the salvation process is determined by God
- 2. Salvation emphasizes what God chose to accomplish for man
- 3. The theme of salvation is the glory of God
- 4. God is the subject of salvation
- 5. Man is totally unable to chose God
- 6. The Holy Spirit's job is to apply
- 7. The preacher's role is to preach to the conscience to reveal truth
- 8. The gospel is the offer of the Savior
- 9. The gospel emphasis is to take people into the presence of God
- 10. The central issue of the gospel is the offer of reconciliation, of which eternal life is a consequence
- 11. God is the reason Christ died
- 12. Man must be prepared by God to accept the gospel
- 13. God determines the time for response
- 14. God causes man to choose at His time
- 15. Assurance is a ministry assigned to the Holy Spirit
- 16. Assurance is affirmed by God and His Word
- 17. The basis of assurance is scriptural promises, the inner work of the Holy Spirit, and the character and conduct of the convert (increased righteousness)