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### An Urgent Plea (from the Scriptures) To Go and Preach the Gospel!, on: 2007/7/28 3:36

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Who are we supposed to preach the gospel to? "Â...preach the gospel to every creature." "the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all menÂ..." "Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come." "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:" "For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard." "Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place." "Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion." "Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage." "And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people," "And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen." "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place." "The lips of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom."

How Often Should We Preach the Gospel (If God enables us)? "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Say not unto thy neighbor, Go, and come again, and tomorrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee." "Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him." "But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus." "Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears." "And he taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the chief of the people sought to destroy him," " "When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness." "I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts;" "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." "And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

When Should We Teach and Preach? "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed." "And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face: though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction." "For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, which went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard." "And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them." "And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught..."

Pray For More Laborers. "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." "Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God."

Can you be guilty of the blood of others because you failed to warn them? "So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live? Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die

, O house of Israel?

Paul had the Word of God from Ezekiel in his heart. "And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles." "Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God."

Are you free from the blood of all men? Do you preach, teach, and warn every man that God has called you to warn? "Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:" "A man that doeth violence to the blood of any person shall flee to the pit; let no man stay him." "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!"

Go Get My People and Bring Them Home! Go and Bring My Lost Sheep Home! "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." "Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;" "Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise." "For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city." "The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God." "And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there." "Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory." "For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts." "And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily." "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

All Christians Are Called To Preach The Gospel.

"Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God." "And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." "And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent." "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences."

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**Re: An Urgent Plea (from the Scriptures) To Go and Preach the Gospel!, on: 2007/7/28 8:28**

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**Re: An Urgent Plea (from the Scriptures) To Go and Preach the Gospel! - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/7/28 11:04**

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*"And he that was sown upon the rocky places, this is he that heareth the word, and straightway with joy receiveth it; yet hath he not root in himself, but endureth for a while; and when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, straightway he stumbleth". Matthew 13:20-21 (ASV)*

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"But what things were gain to me, these i have counted loss for Christ. But indeed i also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom i have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that i may gain Christ. and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; THAT I MAY KNOW HIM and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, i may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that i have already attained, or am already perfected; but i press on, that i lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, i do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing i do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, i press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus". (phil 3:7-14)

thank you brother ormlly for the conversation.

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I Think we are on to something, Phillip.

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Amen to all you have written.

Though finding no fault, the one phrase you used "Crucified life" would be changed by me to read, "the way of the Cross" since I believe that was always in the Mind of God from the beginning, His beginning. Desired in Adam who failed it was realized from/in the Man, Jesus.... the very Character of His Father.

Thanks, Phillip.

:-)

**Re: An Urgent Plea (from the Scriptures) To Go and Preach the Gospel!, on: 2007/7/28 14:20**

I maybe speaking for a mass of believers that would like to go and preach the gospel, however, they know that they have not been called to be sent out.

We are not to beg people to go and win the lost, we are to ask the LORD of the vineyard to put more labourers into the harvest. Without the anointing of the holy Ghost and the laying on of hands it's pointless. That's why many do not enter the harvest, they are waiting for the LORD to tell them to go.

We have a mess in the fields today because men have gone into the fields when they have not been sent.

God ordained Paul to be an apostle and Paul immediately after his conversion went out preaching Christ and Himself crucified. Why? because that was God's calling for him, he became empowered to do that. If you go to the field and you haven't been sent, you'll only make a mess of it.

God is in no hurry like we are, He knows who are His and who shall be His and He'll have his man right there to bring them in at the appointed time.

Yes, let us pray to the LORD for more labourers to work in his vineyard. Amen



**Re:, on: 2007/7/29 0:15**

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I'm so sorry friend, Please forgive me. I wasn't able to spend much time on the internet this morning. If you study the book of Romans and preach that... You can't go wrong there. I was trying to keep it simple, without having to get into a theological debate. But, I'll try to help you a little further. Please forgive me, if it's not what you're looking for.

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1st Question: How do you make a disciple out of an unbeliever?

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

1Co 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

2Ti 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

1Co 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

1Co 3:7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

1Co 3:8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor.

2nd Question: One has to be a believer, right? Yes.

3rd question: If so, then when you preach, how should you preach?

1Th 2:1 For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:

1Th 2:2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.

1Th 2:3 For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:

1Th 2:4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

1Th 2:5 For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloak of covetousness; God is witness:

1Th 2:6 Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.

1Th 2:7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

1Th 2:8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

1Th 2:9 For ye remember, brethren, our labor and travail: for laboring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.

1Th 2:10 Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblamably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

1Th 2:11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,

1Th 2:12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

1Th 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you to

hat believe.

4th Question: What should be your message?

(this isn't everything, but here are some very important points that should be in your message.)

1. The Righteousness of God
2. The Wrath of God
3. The Law of God
4. The Unrighteousness of Man
5. The Judgment of God
6. The Day of Wrath and Revelation of the Righteous Judgment of God
- 6a. The Faithful Enter Heaven and the Hypocrites Go To Hell
7. God's Hell Is Preached
- 7a. God's Heaven is preached
8. God Shall Judge the Secrets of Men by Jesus Christ
9. Sin Is Personalized
10. Preach the Gospel of Grace

“Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.”

1. “The Righteousness of God” ...

I am not ashamed to preach the righteousness of God to “a generation that are pure in their own eyes”, to men who “will proclaim every one his own goodness”, and a people who are “ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness.” “My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers thereof. I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.” “The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honorable.” “I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart. I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest. I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.” “And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.”

2. “The Wrath of God” ...

I am not ashamed to preach “God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.” The Word of God says, “Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee”, “God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.” I am not ashamed of these words. Are you? Do you preach the wrath of God? I am not ashamed to preach “Thou, even thou, art to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?” “Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.”

3. The Law of God

“But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.”

A. The 1st Commandment “they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful” ...

I am not ashamed to preach the Word of God. “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” “thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.” “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.” “He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.” “And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with t

heir mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.Â”

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#### 4. The Unrighteousness of Man

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fornication,  
wickedness,  
covetousness,  
maliciousness;  
full of envy,  
murder,  
debate,  
deceit,  
malignity;  
whisperers,  
Backbiters,  
haters of God,  
despiteful,  
proud,  
boasters,  
inventors of evil things,  
disobedient to parents,  
Without understanding,  
covenant breakers,  
without natural affection,  
implacable,  
unmercifulÂ” Â”...

5. Â”the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.Â” Â”... Â”With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.Â” Â”The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.Â” Â”I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.Â” Â”My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.Â”

6. Â”the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of GodÂ” Â”...

6a. The Faithful Enter Heaven and the Hypocrites Go To Hell

Rom 2:7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life: Rom 2:8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

7. God's Hell Is Preached

“But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile” ...

7a. God's Heaven is Preached

Rom 2:10 But glory, honor, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:

8. Paul preached of, “the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.” ...

9. Sin Is Personalized

Paul made sin personal to the hearer and used the Law of God to bring the knowledge of their personal sin. “What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.”

“Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege? Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonorest thou God? For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.”

10. Preach The Gospel of Grace

Isa 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

Isa 53:2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

Isa 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isa 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Isa 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

Isa 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Isa 53:9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Isa 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Isa 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Isa 53:12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

I trust this will equip and help those who desire to preach the gospel. God bless you! -Abraham

**Re: - posted by theopenlife, on: 2007/7/29 2:25**

For real, that was one of the best guides for gospel preaching I have ever read. Praise God for His word!

I may modify it into a tract.

Erin went out witnessing tonight too.

**Re:, on: 2007/7/29 4:16**

Sorry, my friend, none of that is what should be preached unless called for.

Your starting point for understanding the message of Jesus Christ is obviously wrong consequently your message can be nothing but wrong if attempting to make disciples. You apparently don't realize the gospel message is not about redemption but what redemption accomplished for mankind; for the one who can hear; whose heart is already to receive before you ever came on the scene.... and you don't know that one who has ears to hear. You don't know whose hearts have been prepared waiting to hear what you **aren't** preaching.

In your ignorance you present a condemning message, while demonstrating your Bible prowess to a people you presume to be religious. About Jesus Christ, they aren't. And you aren't either if you believe Jesus came preaching what you preach.

When John the Baptist preached it was to a religious people steeped in self-righteousness. They knew the terms and the scriptures. Your crowd doesn't. With exception, John never preached a message of hope but rather rectification to an already religious people. Your/Our message must be one of hope to a sick and dying world that is outside the knowledge of the Father Jesus revealed....

I hope you will consider my comments, not as belittling your effort, which I applaud, but my attempt to bring rectification into your preaching that discipling for you will be more profitable.....And I believe it will be if allowed by you.

**Re: - posted by theopenlife, on: 2007/7/29 4:20**

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Know first that most all people are not living satisfied lives and are looking for something that lasts; something they can count on being there, something that fulfills and takes away their anxiety. I believe the highest reason for death in young people is suicide. The worst thing a person can have is, no hope. You are bringing "The Hope" to them.

Never go with the expectation of producing a "spiritual poverty" in anyone. Most won't recognize their need and only the Holy Spirit can do that, but pray as you speak the love of Jesus that they will begin to measure themselves against it and begin to ponder, "woe unto me".

I hear you .... In a way I am saying, one must not go into the arena without having answers. You must have "words" in your Spiritual bank account that the Holy Spirit, when drawing on the account, finds words there for you to speak:

"..... thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words." Daniel 10:12 (KJV)

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That's the best gospel message I've heard thus far. This is what Paul preached, "Christ and Him crucified"

I love it! :-D

**Re: "Christ and Him Crucified.", on: 2007/7/29 14:02**

From off the Homepage:

### **Celebrate Immanuel's Name**

Celebrate Immanuel's Name, the Prince of life and peace.  
God with us, our lips proclaim, our faithful hearts confess.  
God is in our flesh revealed; Heav'n and earth in Jesus join.  
Mortal with Immortal filled, and human with Divine.

Fullness of the Deity in Jesus' body dwells,  
Dwells in all His saints and me when God His Son reveals.  
Father, manifest Thy Son; breathe the true incarnate Word.  
In our inmost souls make known the presence of the Lord.

Let the Spirit of our Head through every member flow;  
By our Lord inhabited, we then Immanuel know.  
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**Re:, on: 2007/7/29 15:13**

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**Re: - posted by theopenlife, on: 2007/7/29 16:27**

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If you say differently, you are essentially sealing the fate of others who are like the person I was.

For consideration, in love,

**Re:, on: 2007/7/29 18:04**

It all depends on the condition of each unsaved person's heart.

Someone only led me in the "sinners prayer", yet when Jesus excepted that, I cried face down in repentance for 24 hours.

Yet no one told me about anything more about repentance than what's in that prayer.

I knew I was a stinkin' sinner for most of my life, but no one told me what Jesus had done for us.

Jesus never used a method, He spoke to individuals through The Wisdom of the Holy Spirit that is the only One Who knows each individual's state, their heart and their state of readiness to fully count the cost and follow.

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So what you are saying moved you should move others. I don't know about any false conversion you may have had but subjective preaching will go almost nowhere. Grannie has it right when she not only speaks of her experience but also when she stated what all she stated concerning the Holy Spirit. There are no methods needed when He is doing the soul searching.

Win souls with Christ to Christ and try leaving your fire and brimstone preaching to the preacher whose congregation may need to hear it..

**Re: - posted by theopenlife, on: 2007/7/29 19:15**

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"And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh."

I was the one who needed the fearfulness of my situation to be shown. Thank God someone did.

We must make distinctions.

**Re: - posted by Compton (), on: 2007/7/29 19:18**

Quote:

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I can relate to this experience...

When the Holy Spirit gets ahold of your heart, the reality of salvation, repentance and regeneration, gratitude and brokenness, takes place with or without all of the doctrinal points.

For a few years I would have opposed claiming personal holiness because my church background told me in no uncertain terms that God alone was holy. Because of that background I was more ready to be aware of God's grace in my life...yet looking back it was my own selective doctrinal background that was filtering the message because in truth my new heart was more thirsty for righteousness than many holiness friends I knew at the time.

So I gladly boasted in grace, grace, grace... even though the Lord was making me holy! Conversely, many people here boast of holiness with a more ready understanding of this aspect of the gospel...but in truth they too are being broken and healed minute by minute in grace, living under the blood of Christ freely shed for them.

Since realizing this dynamic, I have attempted to understand the bible's balanced...and seemingly contradictory mix on holiness and grace. For instance, Paul teaches grace as absolutely as he teaches holiness! "His" gospel has an indictive and an imperative message. That we are made holy by the work of cross, and the righteousness of Christ is a trustworthy indicative, and that we must become holy by the work of the cross, becoming more like Christ, is equally an imperative. In my experience we must read the New Testament convinced of both truths or we will derail our faith.

Likewise, many people in our humanist age need to hear about God's wrath, but at the same time we can't forget that some people do indeed need to hear about God's compassion. Yet because many of us feel cheated by only hearing about one aspect or the other, we might feel tempted to base our own ministry in critique of either 'seeker-sensitive' or 'fire and

d brimstone' ministries. I think being cemented in either unilateral policy can infringe on the Holy Spirit's living ministry through us.

Jude instructs us accordingly:

And of some have compassion, making a difference:

And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Blessings,

MC

**Re:, on: 2007/7/29 19:34**

Hi Michael S., you said "we must make distinctions" ....

What the Word says is that HE made the distinctions of individual human conditions/their heart by The Holy Spirit.

We're so autonomous, we don't realise that every work done in our flesh or not by HIS love, not ours, will be burnt up. 1 Corth 3 & 13

That's the one law that has gotten lost in all of this. The missing link in Romans 8 and all the words of Jesus, where He said, not one word or action that he said or did came from Himself but by The Father through His Spirit.

He didn't have to work in such utter & total dependence, He was God, but He emptied Himself to become as us for an example onto us.

The first Apostles and Church understood this, but the enemy of our souls has had us working in the flesh as the norm. They say, "Just get out there and do something and talk the talk" and with that you've pleased God.

This is very sad, because it is not acceptable unto The Father.

Why would we live in a way that Jesus didn't ?

He walked in The Spirit, second by second ... getting every "gift" of the Spirit, "the word of knowledge, wisdom, prophecy, healing, miracles" and so on because He depended on God for every word and action.

That is why He could say, I am the Light of the world and now you are the light of the world and "greater things than these shall you do", meaning only greater in numbers because His ministry was shorter than ours.

But we plug along by the letter of the Word rather than by the Spirit.

It's sad and we're missing so many miracles this way and amazing conversions and so forth --- all that He did while here, was His intent for us ... but instead we read books or just read the Bible as any other text.

Total dependence and waiting on God's direction and words is what makes what He did and we should do the "distinctions".

Bless you.

Re: - posted by narrowpath, on: 2007/7/29 20:11

I believe we must preach the kingdom of God and repentance is a part of it, but not everything.

Let us look at 3 examples of how to preach the gospel:

Stephen preached to the Pharisees who later stoned him to death. He had a religious audience and exposed their hypocrisy. Philip preached to the Eunuch by explaining the prophet Isajah, there was no hard hitting rebuke necessary, this man was ready for baptism.

In Acts 17 Paul preached on Mars Hill to pagan unbelievers. He came out a lot less confrontational but nevertheless mentioned repentance and judgement and the resurrection.

We must be able to know from the Spirit what to preach. There is no one fits all. I personally use the law when people are self righteous, but it is not the only tool in my box. Whenever I meet sick people at our outreach we just pray for them, because this is what Jesus commanded us.

Mat 11: 4Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: 5The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosyare cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. 6Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

**Make sure the gospel is still good news in the end although for most it is the smell of death.**

Philip

Re:, on: 2007/7/29 20:12

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Willingness? One should be evangelizing from one's life because of a love affair with the Father. See John 17. And wh at Christian doctrine do you hang your hat upon, Calvin, Arminius, Luther? If you speak Christ which one of these "doctrines" are you offending? Which one speaks of damnation as it's main issue? Did Jesus? Did Paul?

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Why not?? Don't you believe you should know that? Isn't that part of having a ready answer? Perhaps you might like to discuss that part of things?

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Indeed, we must. Distinctions are very important.

How about considering redemption to be only a part of the whole message of the gospel and begin asking questions ab out the "why" of it? How one is to strive to enter the Kingdom of God AFTER his born again experience? How about mak

ing the distinction between conversion and regeneration? What is the Pearl of great price or the treasure in the field when discovered, one would sell all he has to buy it? This can not be simply speaking of salvation and converts made at a street meeting, correct?

Lets discuss the whole message of Jesus Christ and see how it will impact your witness.

**Re: - posted by theopenlife, on: 2007/7/29 20:41**

My experience with evangelism - which, simply put, is the presentation of an available Lord and Savior to all men who will repent and believe - is something like this.

I spend time in prayer each morning, and throughout each day for the Lord to open and prepare the hearts of those I will meet, and those throughout the world, who He sees fit to give understanding to.

During the day I look for opportunities to extend goodness, righteousness, and love to others. I say "I look" but it is the grace of God's Spirit who makes me sensitive to these opportunities.

When possible, I begin conversations with others. If in my spirit I believe I sense the Spirit motivating me to brevity, I will present a brief summation of the whole gospel, often something of the testimony of Christ's present work in sanctifying my life and giving freedom in willing love and obedience to Him.

If the individual does not understand why God is wrathful at sin, or if I believe I sense the Spirit revealing this to me about their condition, I will expound on that subject.

Frequently there is no perception of the Spirit leading me, but the verses come naturally and many secrets of the person's heart are uncovered. I trust this to be the work of the Spirit.

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As for which doctrine I "hang my hat upon"...

I desire to preach the "whole counsel of God" to as many as God gives me.

- Righteousness of God
- Sin, its origin and extensive spread
- Justice of God
- Damnation of the wicked
- Necessity of new birth
- Revelation of the Savior:  
The cross, the wrath, the resurrection, our Advocate
- Counting the cost:  
The narrow path and the straight gate
- Repentance and faith in Christ's finished work
- Indwelling of God in believers
- A life of submission in love
- Eternal life in heaven for those who are saved

Of course there is not always time for all of these at every street meeting but I often give out cards that sum this up and offer to meet with people again to speak more of these things.

I conclude each night with earnest prayer for those I met, those I will meet, and those you will meet.

God give us grace to be lead.

**Re: Hey, would this make a good tract ?, on: 2007/7/29 21:05**

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Why did the Son of God become the Son of Man? Why the Incarnation? All who know Him will immediately answer: "He became man in order to die on the Cross for our sins." This is blessedly true. But there are also other reasons given in the Word of God as to why it was necessary for Christ to take a human body, why it was necessary for the Son of God to become the Son of Man. Let us observe from the Word the various reasons for the Incarnation of the Son of God.

1. Christ became Man in order to die on the Cross for our redemption.

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"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Rom. 8:2-4). "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

3. Christ became Man in order to defeat Satan.

"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil" (I John 3:8). "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (Heb. 2:14, 15).

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6. Christ became Man in order to become our High Priest.

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Thanks. I believe you are thinking correctly however, taking it just that far doesn't sustain me in my thinking. It's as sayin g He does it for His pleasure.

Try this: We know that Christ is equal with the Father. That is not arguable however, Christ now has a new human Body in which He dwells. That body of course belongs to Jesus. Ergo, Jesus is the "new" Christ of eternity, the first of first fruits. If as we believe Father is desiring a vast family of sons, they will be just as Jesus. They won't ever be Jesus but, as He is we shall be. Rulers and reigners; joinheirs with Him, divine humans expressing the Fathers Nture and Character throughout the unviverse for all eternity. Now what does that say about what our relationship with the Father should be now ? See John 17.

Speaking of Christ:

*Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me*

Heb 10:5 (KJV)

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**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2007/8/2 4:00**

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Jesus prayed for His follows to be in union with the Father as He was. Surely you read that part? What do you believe He had in mind when speaking that prayer? Think about that and consider we were begotten in Christ, as Jesus was, before the worlds. And, since we were begotten again, having been restored to a condition whereby we can be groomed for sonship/divinity as Jesus was. "He learned obedience by the things He suffered". He showed us the "Way of the Cross" and by the "Work of the Cross" made it all possible that we might partake of the same "passion", "Way of the Cross". On the Cross He said: "It is Finished". This was Father's intention for Adam. It is now His intention for us, that we be brought into Glory.

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Thank you Phillip, for your agreement in this as I believe it needs be seen. However, embracing it is to recognize that it is by the "way of the Cross", the giving up of our "Self" rights to the Father, as Jesus did that we begin to see the "WHY" of creation; the "WHY" of it all. Oh the Joy of knowing that Heaven is no longer the goal but jointheir-ship with Christ, is! We, the faithful in Christ, are being groomed for such union with the Father. Since we have been begotten again in Him, it is now possible for us to see His Kingdom and enter it. Our striving in this life must be for entering it by the "way of the Cross"... and it can not but be a violent endeavor for most all begotten again in Him. It is the "Pearl of Great price" we can see if we can get beyond thinking redemption is all there is and holding til our knuckles are white until our death.

We need more sermons preached that speak of the whole message of Christ and not just part of it.

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Yes, and how bad does everyone He calls want to be chosen? Isn't that the issue? What do we see absent from the ones called and yet not chosen --- yet believes he is chosen? What's missing in the life of the one who claims the Name of Christ yet speaks little of him?

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