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Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:00 PM

“Witness”

Part 02

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Called For The Work

Mark 16:15-18

15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. **17** And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; **18** they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

- Firstly, note that Jesus did not say “wait for them to come to church, and preach to them”. He said GO!

- **Go** = to **move** out of, or away from, a place expressed or implied
 - One of the things the unproductive servant in the parable of the talents was rebuked for was being slothful (lazy). – *see Matthew 25:26*
 - We have a **responsibility** to seek out and pursue (go!) opportunities for disciple making!

- “and preach the gospel”

- Preach = (Gk. “kerusso”) to proclaim, to publish, to make known
 - Tell somebody about Jesus!
 - Witnessing (Gk. “martureo”) is preaching (Gk. “kerusso”). To bear witness, to proclaim what you have seen. **You are a preacher!**

- “He who believes and is baptized will be saved”

- Believes = (Gk. “pisteuo”) to have faith

- Faith is a rock solid **trust** and reliance upon God that results in the appropriate corresponding action.

- “He who has **faith** and acts on it (is baptized) shall receive the promise of salvation” – Haywood Paraphrase Version

- “And these signs will follow those who believe.”

- We must **EXPECT** supernatural manifestations whenever we declare the good news about Jesus Christ!

- Biblically, miracles and salvations are the normal results of witnessing⁴

Equipped For The Work

Simple principles of Gospel witnessing

1. Everyone is born a sinner, being born without the Spirit of Holiness (Holy Ghost)
2. A perfectly righteous God must bring judgment against all sin
3. God loves you so much that He took on a human body in order to receive the judgment for your sins in your place.
4. God requires that you acknowledge His sacrifice and willingly become obedient to Him
5. Upon your submission to Him, He will change your status from “sinner” to “saint” (holy one) by putting His Spirit of Holiness in you. This is the meaning of being “born again”.

- This is more than a religious experience. It is an entrance into the community of God (the Kingdom of Heaven).
 - As in any other Kingdom, the King expects everyone's continued compliance to all regulations, regardless of your feelings, or thoughts.
 - This is our opportunity to walk into our divinely appointed purpose.
 - God does not promise to change your circumstances, He does, however, promise, with your cooperation, to change **you!**
 - Exodus 1:12
12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew.

Wisdom For The Work

Daniel 12:3

3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.

- “The **wise** shall shine”
 - Who are the **wise**? – Proverbs 11:30
- “**Shine** like the brightness of the firmament (stars in the sky)”
 - Matthew 5:14 and 16
 - 14** "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.
 - 16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. – see also John 5:33-35⁷ †††

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