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Mark 15:16 — King James Version 1611

Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature

Promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Inner City

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Soul Winning Among the Crowd Secular Humanism Despairs the Middle-Class



The Pharisees of Jesus' day were mostly reluctant to accept Jesus' teachings, even though they could not deny his miracles. As a result, very few of them believed in the Messiah that had come. They adhered to the laws of the Old Testament and many of their own laws that compelled them to a *salvation-by-works* instead of a *salvation-by-faith* in Jesus. Today, many of us are content with the contemporary complex technologies that have made life easier and more enjoyable, both at home and the work place, and, like the Pharisees, we reject the simplicity of the Gospel way to Heaven.

At the end of May 2013, I was soul winning in downtown Albany, NY, and I came across a crowd of people who were on the street as a result of a fire alarm in a big office building. I passed through the crowd with my tracts and attempted to hand them out. In a crowd of about 200 people, only about 10 people accepted the tract. They said mostly, "I'm good," and politely refused the paper I offered them—with the clear introduction that I was offering them the *Gospel*.

When I was done, I crossed the street and went to a bus stop and there was about 15 people waiting, all of whom

appeared to be the lower or working class (it is not often you will find the middle class riding buses in upstate NY). And as I passed through the small group *just about everybody took the tract*, some with a smile. One lady got saved while another was praising God.

Probably one of the reasons why the middle class office workers were so reluctant to take a tract (let alone have me verbally give them the Gospel), is because they have all of their faith and trust in the wrong thing. People today of any profession commonly find peace with affluence and the secular humanist philosophies formed by rising technologies that completely eliminate a God or the need for a Savior. The poor person (or struggling working-class) on the contrary has nowhere else to turn but to a powerful God that can bless them and bring them out of troubles.

As I introduced the tract as "the Gospel," the middle class professional scrunched up his face in disgust, but the poor working class man usually had a raised eyebrow. There is no excuse for rejecting the gospel or not knowing what it is.



The Bible says, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" The thought of dying brings the possibility of an afterlife—is your soul ready for it? A man is not saved from the fires of Hell by his good works, he is only saved by his faith in Jesus Christ. As good as works can be, we are all still sinners (Romans 3:23), and the penalty for sin is death (Romans 6:23) followed by Hell (Revelation 20:15). Heaven is the alternative offered to us by God where we will live for all of eternity with peace and happiness and there is no pain or suffering there. Jesus died on the cross as the payment for our sin so we do not have to go to Hell. All that is required is that you admit your sin to Jesus and ask him to forgive it all, ask Him to save you from Hell, and believe in Him (Romans 10:13).

Our purpose: Matthew 28:19-20 - to win the lost, baptize, and teach the saved.

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