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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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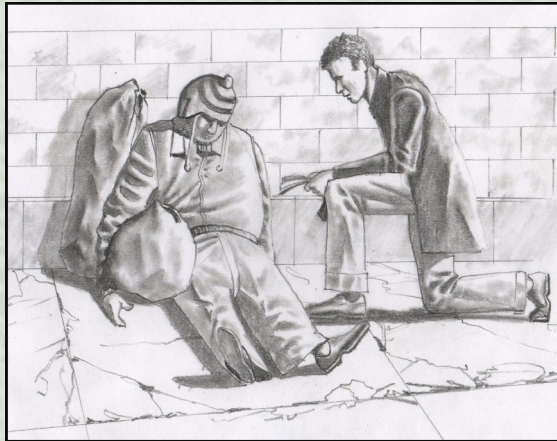
## Giving the Gospel With No Barrier The Poor, the Wealthy, Races, Nationalities and Jesus Christ

The Bible says in Mark 16:15, *Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.* Jesus told his disciples that after he had appeared to them when he resurrected. He placed no limit on the people that we can win to the Lord.

There is never a person that is not qualified to receive the gospel. It surpasses all racial, economic, personality and situational barriers. The Catholic nun needs to be saved as much as the drunk. Whereas the nun spent her life serving god, if she did not trust Christ to go to Heaven she will not go to Heaven. The drunk otherwise lived his life as a scornor, but his chronic denial of the glory of God does not dismiss the existence of God and the requirement to be saved, though it may to him.

The greatest gift any man can give back to God is to win a soul to Jesus Christ. It doesn't require any money, and if you can not get your hands on tracts it doesn't even require tracts. If a man feels he can not tithe like he wants to because of his living expenses, he can still tithe his time soul winning. If a man feels his is living in sin and he is trying to conquer it but failing, he can still go soul winning. If a man is having a difficult time with his family or his spouse and can not seem to rectify it, he can still go soul winning and make himself available for God's blessing. There is never an excuse not to go soul winning.

The poor need the gospel. Jesus said *the poor have the gospel preached to them* when he was reporting to John the Baptist proof of Himself. Taking your tracts to a city bus stop where people commonly come from low income homes is a gift you are giving back to God for His love for you. What better gift can a poor man receive than Jesus in his heart and the potential to get out of poverty with the blessings of God? Unfortunately today, many poor people have become stoic with the philosophies of the secular humanist on television and radio, and they have a very negative



attitude toward God. Yet many others are receptive to the gospel and have not been contaminated with paganism.

The wealthy need the gospel. Far too often the wealthy and middle class have learned to rely on their material possessions solely for their fate in life, and they have rejected the spiritual things of God. It is easy for a wealthy or middle class man to rely on his material things because they bring him a tangible comfort. A poor man has no material things with which to rely on. But a wealthy man who realizes there is more to life than material possessions can come to the knowledge of Christ and the need to be saved. Many wealthy and middle class people have tagged on to the pagan secular humanist philosophies that mock God, especially mocking the miracles of God like the Miracle of Creation. Sometimes you will find it hard to surpass those philosophies when you are soul winning among the wealthy and middle class.

Finally, all cultures and races need to be saved. You will find that America is a melting pot of races and nationalities and with them come many different religions. But there will be a handful of these people that may have heard about Christianity and are receptive to the gospel.

So then, go soul winning to *all* people, and give something back to God for his kindness. ■

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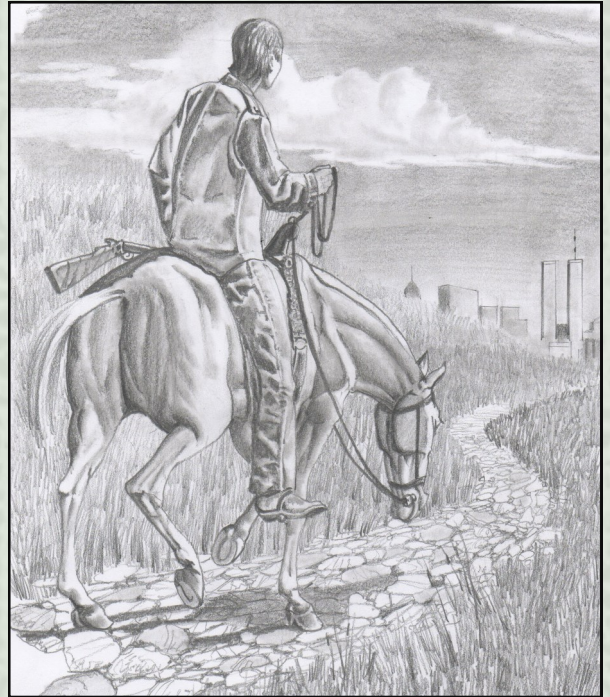
# The Gun Control Bill

## An Infringement of an American Right

Congress will soon be voting on a bill to limit gun freedoms in America. This is a direct result of the recent mass-murder in Newton Connecticut where a young man entered into a grade school with an assault rifle and pistols and massacred 27 people. Concerned citizens in America want to do all they can to prevent it from happening again, but they unfortunately have opted to forfeit gun freedoms. The government is proposing a bill to limit the kinds of guns you can purchase, which seems to be good as a measure to reduce the chances of a mass-murder, but it is one more step toward the restructuring or elimination of the Bill of Rights.

Our Constitution's Second Amendment says, *2 A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.* The amendment does not give specifics or limitations as to the type of arms we can bear. To tamper with American rights because of the psychotic behavior of a micro-sample of the population is to give the wealthy leaders what they are looking for: *take away guns from the common man so you can control him.* One of the first things Hitler did in Germany prior to the war was to *take away the guns from its citizens.* Your seeing that in the making here in the free country of America.

There was a time in the Wild West when just about everyone had a pistol and took the law into their own hands. That might spell chaos now because people are not as responsible with guns, as is the case of Newton CT. Call your local representative and speak against the gun bill.



Owning and using a gun in the Wild West was common in America. Today the government wants to limit our right to bear arms.

# Where Did the Seed Fall?

## Jesus' Parable Of the Sower

You can hand out a thousand gospel tracts in your lifetime. Out of those thousand tracts about 500 people might accept them. Out of those 500, about 300 people might be willing to listen to the plan of salvation. Out of those 300, 100 people might get saved. Out of those 100 that get saved, 10 people might be faithful to the things of God and become soul winners themselves.

People are hardly receptive to the things of God today, mostly because we are a material society. If it is not tangible or it doesn't tag onto to something tangible, we don't believe it. But if we stop to look at the good things in our life, they are a tangible representation of a Holy God. Some of us have our health. Some of us have property. Some of us have families and spouses. Some of us have good jobs. These are the tangible representations of a Holy God, though He also gives us evil things in our life as was said by Job: *"...shall we receive good at the hand of the Lord, and shall we not receive evil (Job 2:10)?"*

In [Luke 8:4-15](#), Jesus gave the parable of the sower in relation to the soul winner. The first seeds he threw out fell by the wayside and the birds ate them up. They did not produce anything. The second set of seeds he threw out fell on rocks. They were able to spring up but they withered away for there was no moisture. The next set of seed he threw out fell among thorns and the thorns choked them so they could not grow. And the last set of seeds fell on good ground and prospered—growing, multiplying and bearing fruit.

The analogy is that the seeds which fell by the wayside were people who received the gospel but refused to get saved because the devil came and took away that which was sown in their hearts. The seed that fell on the rock were people who received the gospel and may have been saved and believed for a little while, then returned to the world's temptations. Those which fell among thorns were people who got saved but got caught up in the affairs of this world (money and things), and had no fruit. And those seeds that fell on good ground were people who got saved and went to church and followed God's commandments, then later taught others how to be soul winners.



*Sowing the Word Around the World*, oil by Jim Robinson. How important was it to you when you got saved? Did you decide to win people to Jesus as was his commandment? [Order print.](#)



# Is There Really a Hell?

## People Doubting a Place of Torment

The Bible explains Hell and the Lake of Fire as two different places even though the terms are often used interchangeably. Hell, as described by the rich man who died and went there in [Luke 16:19-31](#), is a holding place for the coming of the Angel that will cast the inhabitants of Hell into the Lake of Fire. The Lake of Fire as described in [Revelation 20:13-15](#) as a body of molten lava underground in the earth, and it is the final destination for the sinner who refuses to get saved during his life on the earth.

There are many people who refuse to believe in Hell and the Lake of Fire. They insist that it is a fairy tale as part of the Bible to compel people to live by laws governing relationships between men. But the Bible can not be taken as a fairy tale. All of its prophecies have come to pass. The Bible is God's instruction book to man, and millions of people have been persecuted to death for the Bible.

If you read about the account in Luke 16 you see that nowhere is the event of Hell mentioned as a vision or dream, but it is a **reality**. Lazarus was the poor man in his life on the earth, and he laid at the rich man's gate full of sores, but Lazarus got saved at some point in his life. The rich man mocked God and praised his wealth. As a result, the rich man went to Hell, and Luke describes what it was like there for him. He could feel the heat of the flames. And there was no hope for him to get out or for him to warn his brothers.

Revelation describes the Lake of Fire as the place of torment forever: "...was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone...and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever (Revelation 20:10)." To be spared the Lake of Fire is to be saved. And it really doesn't take that much to be saved—just admitting to our sin, having faith in Jesus Christ and asking Christ to save us. ■



**Tract 9** on [jartworks.org](http://jartworks.org) explains the reality of Hell to the unbeliever. It is impossible to be saved unless you believe there is a Hell.

# The Contest On Mount Carmel

## Elija's Mockery and Slaying of the Baal Priests

In [1 Kings 18:20-40](#) the Bible tells the true story of the great prophet Elija and his contention with the evil Baal Priests of Jezebel, King Ahab's wife. He gathered together about 400 priests and challenged them. He had them put a bullock over wood on an altar and put no fire thereon, and then he told them to *call fire down* from their god in heaven. When the priests set up the bullock, they prayed all morning to their god but could not produce fire, then they started cutting themselves with knives to appease their god—but still there was no fire.

Elija mocked the Priests of Baal saying "...peradventure he (your god) sleepeth and must be awaked (1 Kings 18:27)." And Elija set up his altar by pouring water all over it and making trenches of water around it. And in Elija's powerful prayer he said, "...hear me that this people may know that thou art the Lord God (1 Kings 18:37)." And the fire came down and burnt the bullock and licked up the water that was in the trenches. Then he slayed all of the priests with his sword in the valley.

The power of Satan is on the move in our country, and we can often see it in the blatant black magic of night clubs, tattoo parlors, drug addiction, Hollywood movies and other occult practices. It also comes in a more refined form in the secular humanist circles. But we need not fear Satanism and those who serve Baal (one of Satan's fallen angels) because our God is much more powerful. The martyrs of the Dark Ages could not stop their fate of dying and torture, but the power of God lived on long after them with the coming of America which was once a Christian nation. Likewise, God will not fail the contest with a Satanist. ■

**Elija's Fire On Mount Carmel**, oil by Jim Robinson. Elija, knowing the power of God, made a complete mockery out of Satan's priests when he called fire down on his bullock and left them wanting. [Order print.](#)



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