

Call of Grace Ministries

Come unto Me. . . I will give you rest

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"These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them. . .as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' "

Matthew 10:5-7 (NKJV)

"And He [Jesus] said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Mark 16:15 (NKJV) [emphasis mine]

Jesus sent out the twelve. Then He sent out the Seventy. And before He ascended to Heaven, He gave the command that rings through the ages to all His followers, "*preach the Gospel to every creature*"! This command should come as no surprise to the Believer since this was our Lord's mission. Jesus did not come to be a social rebel or a wise teacher. He came "to seek and to save the lost" that they might be reconciled with God. And after He had proven His righteousness and been declared to be the "Son of God in power" by rising from the dead, Jesus commanded His followers to embrace this same mission by "preaching the Gospel".

Which of His followers did Jesus command to do this? All of us! Scripture reveals that this command was not just for the Apostles. Philip, Steven, Timothy, Barnabas, Epaphras, and many others are examples to us that this great mission of proclaiming the Good News of the availability of forgiveness and redemption through the Lord Jesus is the responsibility of everyone who professes that Jesus is Lord of their lives! I was thankful to see Southern Baptist's affirm this at their last convention. In June, 2017, an Evangelism Task Force was commissioned to review the need for a refreshed outlook regarding evangelism. On June 11, 2018 they submitted their report. The web address to an article containing their findings and recommendations is at the end of this newsletter if you would like to read it. However, I want to share with you two things that were stated:

"WE AFFIRM that evangelism is a spiritual discipline that every believer bears the responsibility to practice in order to be found faithful to our Lord's commands (cf., Ezek 3:16-21; 33:1-11; Acts 18:5-6; 20:17-27)" (Article V)

". . .we ask that all your ministry efforts be infused with the consciousness of the lostness of humanity and the incomparable news of the love of Christ."
(Recommendation 5)

The latter quote was in the recommendation to State Directors. However, Cindy and I both believe this is a worthy attainment for all Believers.

So, your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to "preach the Gospel". Christ commanded it. The early church modeled it. And we, as followers of our Lord Jesus must embrace this privilege as well: realizing that our mission is not impossible. And that the King of Kings will never disavow knowledge of us if we are caught in the performance of our mission. The message of your call to this mission will not self-destruct in 5 seconds because:

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever."

Isaiah 40:8 (NKJV)

Cindy and I will be heading for Kentucky shortly for a mission in the Land Between the Lakes area. We will return home in time to train and facilitate the counseling for the Judgement House that our own church, FBC Marion, will be hosting. Shortly after that, Lord willing, we will be heading for Kansas to serve with our Brothers and Sisters there at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. Local missions are ongoing.

Please be in prayer for these venues. May the Lord use the witness to sow, water, or reap His harvest.

We thank you for your continued intercession for this ministry. If the Lord calls you to go on mission with us, or you are led to help support a mission or any part of our ministry, let us know. Likewise, if you or your church believe we could be of service to you in an evangelistic effort, please contact us.

Until Jesus comes,

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* <http://bpnews.net/51049/evangelism-task-force-releases-report-recommendations>

~Cindy's Bottom Line~

Why is evangelism so important? Because there is no other way to be reconciled to God but through Jesus Christ. Period. "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me' ". (John 14:6)