

enough and will not be able to answer the questions they might receive. We should all understand that none of us have all the answers. After 40 years of preaching, I still do not have all the answers. But, I know where to go for the answers. The Bible has the answers, and the joy about being a Christian and being able to spread the gospel is that we have each other to lean upon and help us with the answers. There is an abundance of great aids our brethren have developed that anyone can use. So, this is not a valid reason for not doing the work God has given us to do. We all should prepare ourselves for the work by studying God’s salvation plan.

Some may not want to get involved in spreading the gospel because they believe this is the “preachers” “job.” The commandments given by the Lord do not agree that this is the “preachers” “job.” The “go ye” stands for all Christians, not just a few. Also, the examples we have from the Bible do not agree with this false idea. Because of the great persecution that was happening against the church we learn “...that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word” (Acts 8:4). Who was this, you ask? It was all members of the church! The apostles stayed in Jerusalem. “And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles” (Acts 8:1). Who are the “they” in the context? The church is what

Luke said was scattered abroad.

Perhaps it is the case that some are not spreading the gospel because they have never been fully converted. Many have been baptized but not converted. Paul’s last recorded sermon in the book of Acts reminded them of what the prophet Isaiah said, “For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them” (Acts 28:27). To be truly converted, we must open our hearts and truly hear the word of God and act upon it wholly. Before Jesus goes into the garden of Gethsemane, he has a message to Peter about his need to be firm in his resolve to follow Him. “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren” (Luke 22:31–32). It might be that many are in this category, following the Lord but not genuinely converting to His cause. That is, they don’t really believe that those who have not been baptized into Christ are lost and headed to a devil’s hell.

There will be many different reasons why some are not helping to spread the Gospel of our Lord. I do not know all the reasons some might have. But, I do know that God wants us to remove whatever is hindering us from taking the gospel to the world and get on with the work He has set before us.

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Sunday Bible Classes.....10:00
Morning Worship11:00
Evening Worship..... 6:00
Wednesday Classes.....6:30

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started.

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When you need help
and don't know where to turn,
put your hand
in the hand of Jesus.

Hold tight to the Master,
who offers His hand
to anyone who needs help
in any way,
in any situation, and
in any problem.

When everything's going wrong,
and the only prayer that comes to mind is

"Help me, Jesus!"

know that the Lord will not let go of you.

Hold on tight to the hand of Jesus.
For as long as your hand
is in His hand,

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WHAT COULD KEEP US FROM SPREADING THE GOSPEL?

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“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (Matthew 28:18-20).

These are the last words of Jesus to His disciples before leaving this world and ascending to the Father in Acts chapter one. It is a very plain and direct command given to all Christians. “Go ye” includes all persons who are disciples of Christ. We are to go and “teach all nations.” The gospel is for all. It is not just for those in America, but for the whole world, as John wrote, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). As we go to all nations we are to teach and baptize them, that is those whom we teach are to be brought to the point in their understanding that they need to be baptized for the remission of their sins as was done on the day of Pentecost, Acts 2:38. We are to do this by the authority of Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. In the name of means by their authority. Once this has been achieved, we are to teach them all things the Lord has commanded. That is, teach them about living the Christian life.

I said all this to show that His commandment is not hard to understand. On the contrary, it is easy to understand, and it is very straightforward. So the question is, what keeps us from doing what the Lord commanded?

Perhaps some are ashamed of Jesus and His words. When Jesus taught His disciples about His being the bread of life, He said, “am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world” (John 6:51). After this saying, which many misunderstood what He was saying, John, says, “From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him” (John 6:66). These walked no longer with Him because they were ashamed of Him and His words. We ought to remember the words of Jesus, “Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels” (Mark 8:38). The words of Jesus have eternal life in them, “Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me” (John 5:39).

Perhaps some do not help spread the gospel because they do not believe they are trained well

FAMILY MATTERS

ONGOING HEALTH PROBLEMS

SICK:

Pat Joiner, Leslie Guevara, Letha Angst, Gracie Pope, Michael Baugh, Melba Wilkins, Brenda Rogers, Jackie Flowers, June Breazeale, Sharon Joiner’s mother, James Parlor, and Gail Brown, Tim Franks, Jan Moses, Barbra Jenkins, Cody Coleman Melissa Hickman’s cousin and Karen Jones.

LOCAL NEWS

PANTRY ITEMS FOR THE WEEK: Microwaveable Oat Meal meals.

CEDAR LANE:

March 29th the adults’ will be going to Cedar Lane for a night out of fellowship. We will meet there at 6:00 pm., if you want a ride, the van will leave here at 5:00 pm. If you are going, please sign the list in the foyer so we can have a room reserved.

SYMPATHY:

We extend our Sympathy to Joe and MaryAnn Blackburn at the lose of brother Joe’s brother-in-law Jeff Dunn.

MONTHLY SINGING: Tonight is our Monthly singing.

MEN’S MEETING: Today at 4:00 pm., is the men’s business meeting time.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARY FOR THE MONTH OF Mar.

Lynne Brown3/9/1957
Lorraine Burcks3/4/1963
Vivian Foster3/24/1945
Melissa Hickman3/4/1975
Ryan Hinson3/12/1985
Heaven Richardson3/19/2008
James and Sherri Smith3/1/2008
Scott Smith3/2/1973
Amorous Williams3/5/2016

Jim Dearman and the TV program “Good News Today” airs on Macon TV every Sunday morning at 6:30 A.M. on WGXA-ABCTV16 both on Cox Cable and over the regular airwaves and may be picked up on an antenna. You can even download an app and see the programs any time you wish. See the website at <http://gnttv.org/> and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Good-News-Today-TV>.

SHUT-IN:

Sonny Teagle, Mary Harris
Crystal Pierce

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