

Challenging Christians to Pray



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## THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek” (Romans 1:16).

**Whenever** we encounter the gospel, keep in mind that it depicts Jesus’ life, ministry, death and resurrection. Today, there are many who picture Christ as a good man or even a great prophet or a great teacher, but He is more than that; He is the begotten Son of God, and the Lamb Slain before the foundations of the world were laid. **Socrates**, one of the greatest philosophers of ancient days, said, “**Oh, that someone would arise, either man or God, to show us God.**” The longing expressed by Socrates and countless others throughout history has found its answer in Jesus Christ. Several centuries prior to the birth of Jesus, **Zoroaster**, an ancient Persian prophet, stated that a deity would remain unknown unless manifested in human form. Yes, indeed God revealed Himself through Jesus Christ to show that he is approachable and desires fellowship with us!

**Christ** is uniquely both God and man. He is the Savior of the world, the founder of His Church, the miracle worker, parable speaker, Lamb of God, the Alpha and Omega, the everlasting Intercessor, the coming King, the judge of all mankind and the Sovereign ruler of the universe and His kingdom shall continue everlastingly, world without end. Let’s never forget that it is His gospel we are called upon to proclaim! Sometimes, people claim they’re in the soul-saving business. But my friend, the saving is done by the spotless Lamb of God. There is no power in the messenger, but the power resides in the message. We do not make news; we simply pass it on! Only God has the power to convict and change the world of its sin and degradation. Oh, how many times have I seen men and women who were under the convicting power of the gospel!

**When** you visit Rome, Italy, you can see the relics and the ruins of the past. Once, Rome was the capital of a great empire. It was beautiful, healthy, politically powerful, and influential in many ways. But the centuries have dramatically reduced its past greatness and power. Today we can see vivid evidence of this in the ruins and rubbles of the Colosseum, the Forum, Caesars Palace, and heathen temples. Now, may I invite you to hear the words of Paul, the great apostle to the gentiles, who said, “**I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also**” (Romans 1:15). Paul knew Rome in its heyday. Rome represented the power of the state, power of political and philosophical persuasion, power of physical and military might. However, He recognized that this power was only temporary. He also knew there was a supreme power beyond that architecture, fame, arts, tradition, or any other form of human inventions. He was a great strategist and believed that evangelization in terms of the gospel was the only answer. Even though, Rome was built upon ecclesiastical might and power, they were not in contact with the real power of the gospel. Paul recognized that the gospel of Jesus Christ was the real, effective

power that lost people needed everywhere. He was not ashamed of the gospel even though it was not always understood or popular. It was scorned, vigorously opposed and persecuted. He also understood that the power of the gospel was available to everyone to save, grant life and to create new nature out of old nature.

**The apostle** never apologized to any one for preaching the gospel, and no wonder he marched tirelessly with his undaunted task of evangelization. He spoke clearly and confidently about God's grace in Christ, prompting even those who didn't believe were challenged to give some consideration to its validity and veracity. Oh, what a blessed gospel! What an example he set for all of us who are on the border line as to how far we can go when it comes to proclaiming the gospel of redeeming grace and power! Beloved, the truth of the gospel must be proclaimed regardless of how others might feel or react. I would rather shatter the human ego than to conceal the divine truth.

**Each** time we try to improve the eternal gospel truth we spoil its essence and message. By trying to make the message more pleasing to the hearers, we are losing its originality and Divine purity. Christians, let us concentrate on the preaching of the gospel! It's the world's only hope and the Church's only power. A church that prioritizes the gospel preaching often gains the blessings of the Lord. Let's share and celebrate this saving power with everyone. We must give all diligence to the preaching of the gospel. Let's us not build for time, but for eternity! May we promote Christ's gospel everywhere, is my prayer!

**Believe** me, it will soon be all over! Our Lord is coming very soon. When we stand before Him the only thing that matters is, how we have lived in obedience to God while we were on earth! The world's power is of transitory in nature, but the power of the gospel is permanent. Many architects and engineers are trying to repair and recapture the original beauty of Rome. Frankly, it all speaks of a faded glory. The imperial power of Rome is gone, but thank God, the power of the blessed Gospel remains and is still changing the lives of millions around the globe. Let us remember the words of the apostle Paul, **“For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God” (1 Cori. 1:18)**. The gospel isn't a delicate tool; it is more like a bulldozer, breaking through the hard areas of our lives.

**Yes**, the gospel is “good news’ for those who believe, while it may be perceived as “not-so-good-news” for those who do not share such belief. The Church is not only a place for the saints to be matured, but also a place for sinners to receive healing from God. Remember, the world's might, and power will inevitably fade into obscurity, but the power of the gospel will live on forever. The gospel alone has the universal remedy for all our human problems. Therefore, let's forsake all our earthly fears and doubts and proceed tirelessly to the execution of our God-given task of proclaiming the Gospel with clarity, and absolute urgency! **Sadhu Sundar Singh**, the Indian mystic, once had a conversation with a Comparative Religious professor at Cambridge University, England. **The professor asked him, “Tell me, what have you discovered in Christianity that you did not find in your former religion!” The Sadhu replied, “Professor, I found the dear Lord Jesus Christ.”** His commitment was directed toward an individual rather than to a particular philosophy, ideology, or set religious rules. He discovered the Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, the Fountain of life, the Joy of the whole earth, the Light of the World, the Great Shepherd, and the Uniter of all humanity. This Christ, this God, and this ‘Man of sorrows’ desires to be our Savior and Lord today! “Behold, the Lamb of God.”

**We** are created by a loving God with a living soul. Life's purpose is to grow spiritually, find a faith that's worth living for and a hope that will sustain us through life. The only way of finding the real meaning for life is to find God's purpose for our journey here on earth. Only Christ can lift us out of the vicious cycle of things into a new life, a rich life, filled with joy and contentment. Science analyzes phenomena, and human inventions provide us with many kinds of knowledge and

information. However, neither science nor human inventions provide us with a clear explanation for the meaning of man, life and death. Today, many do not know what to think of life. Whichever the way it is put together, it seems wrong; excitement, material possessions, and human philosophies don't address our profound emotional or spiritual needs. Numerous individuals have provided their perspectives on life; presented below are examples of such descriptions. **John Masefield, the English poet and writer** said, "Life is a long headache in a noisy street." **George Bernard Shaw, Irish playwright** said, "Life is like a flame that is always burning itself out." **Shakespeare** said, "Life is a walking shadow." **Solomon, the wisest of all** said, "Vanity of vanities; all is vanity." **But our loving Lord and Savior** said, "I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

**Nicodemus**, in the Bible, represented the finest of the old order in culture, scholarship, character, style and performance. But Jesus confronted this cultured pharisee and told him, "Ye must be born again." We all have a date with our Maker and none of us can avoid that! Human goodness will not deliver personal salvation, but it comes only by a personal encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ, the Giver of life. An individual may acquire intellectual understanding regarding theological concepts and yet lack practical experience. A person may continue to experience disbelief until faith activates their intellect, enabling them to seek guidance from God, who is regarded as the sole source of salvation. We come to experience after we believe, not before. For example, the blind man of Galilee believed first and then he received his sight. Faith comes before sight. It is not enough to believe in a creed; faith must go beyond our creed, to the living and all-powerful Christ. To have a meaningful walk with God, one must possess a faith that is much stronger than the elements of circumstances that would drag us down to defeat. Dynamic faith begins with absolute surrender of our lives to God's will and purpose.

**One theologian** writes, "**Something is missing! Joy, power, freedom, freshness, and courage**". I couldn't agree more! Something is missing indeed! Is it Jesus? If it is, why not come to Him in humble trust and accept His gift of salvation! Regardless of your present situation, God will never consign you to utter hopelessness no matter how far you have drifted away from God. He calls you like a father who calls his children. He seeks you like a shepherd who seeks a lost sheep. Beloved, we have the best thing both for this world and the world to come if we take the Lord Jesus Christ in all His majesty and power and say "Amen" to every promise of God which is wrapped in Christ, our Lord. True happiness in the final analysis, comes from Christ, from a feeling of kinship with the eternal God. A time of fellowship with our Heavenly Father is about the noblest and most meaningful form of happiness we can have in this life and the life to come. Christians are united not by ideology or philosophy, but by having a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. I speak about Christ and His gospel because I consider His coming to this earth as an extraordinary miracle of all miracles. God became flesh and He dwelt among us, and He is our Savior and Lord, our all and all!

**Conclusion:** Friend, if you have never accepted Christ as your personal Savior, why not receive Him now! If you are sincere and earnest in your commitment to Christ, please feel free to pray the following prayer: Dear Jesus, I know I've sinned against you, and I humbly ask your forgiveness from all my sins. By faith, I do now accept you as my Savior and Lord! Thank you for saving my soul! Amen!

**Remember, a life lived without God is a wasted life!**

**---Matthew Skariah**

# CULTURE WATCH

## How can someone be a secularist?

**First**, he denies the claims of Christ, His virgin birth, bodily resurrection and the power to change lives. Secularists vehemently exclude and denigrate supernaturalism or miracles because they reject the God of Christianity. Soon, they are on the road to secularism and narcissism. Pride tells us that we don't need God, and as a result, many are trapped in lies and hypocrisy, not realizing that they cannot save themselves and need to rely on the saving grace of God in Christ. The secularist sees life as one dimensional; he views everything through the prism of humanism because he has no spiritual insight to make a choice between Light and darkness.

**The** secularist will attempt to intimidate Christians with debates, innuendos and sarcasm, but as believers we need to keep on loving them, praying, trusting and wait for God's own time to save their souls. **President Abraham Lincoln was profound when he said, "hate destroys the hater,"** reminding us that a righteous society cannot be built on 'hate or contempt.' **"The path of the just is as the shining light, that shines more and more unto the perfect day" (Proverbs 4:18).**

**A** life in Christ is humble, pure and free from pride and conceit. Today, more than ever, Satan tempts us with egotism, pride, hate, greed, covetousness and know-it-all attitude. Instead of squelching the enemy's plot, we end up taking the bait. Let us not take the bait! Watch out for the tendency for self-exaltation and narcissism! **The Word of God tells us, "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall" (Proverbs 16 :18).**

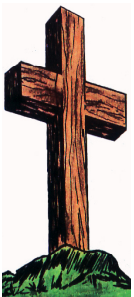
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## VOICE FROM THE PAST...

**John Huss**, a Bohemian Protestant Martyr, was burned at Constance, Germany, on July 6, 1415, as the church condemned him. Huss was pushed by a crowd through the streets of Constance to the piled tinder, wrapped by the neck to a stake, and set ablaze. He died by saying, "Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me."

**"Do not believe that I have taught anything but the truth. I have taught no error. The truths I have taught I will seal it with my blood."** (John Huss 1370-1415)

**Lord, grant us the spirit of those who remain faithful to the end!**

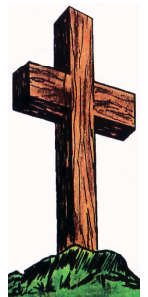


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