

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

ARE YOU A MISSIONARY?

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RESCUE THE PERISHING

The dictionary defines a missionary as someone who is sent to a foreign country to convince people to join a religion or to help people who are sick, poor, etc.

In the Great Commission, Jesus told every Christian to share the good news of the Gospel with every human being. In commanding us to go out to the world, Jesus did not send an angel but delivered the message as the resurrected Savior. **Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:1-8**

The problem is that the reality of Hell and the Lake of Fire has not become part our conscious thinking or we would behave differently.

“Oh, my brothers and sisters in Christ, if sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies; and if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay, and not madly to destroy themselves. If hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for.” C.H. Spurgeon

Spreading the message of salvation through Jesus Christ is the duty of every believer in Christ. Contrary to what some may believe, it is not the job reserved for pastors with theological training or even deacons and evangelists. **Acts 8:1-4**

Sharing the gospel is carried out by the way in which we conduct ourselves, manifested in our actions and words and how we invest our time. Inviting someone to church or a Bible study is not evangelizing but advertising. Don't be afraid to tell people about Jesus, the atonement on the cross and the hope of a new life.

Life doesn't begin incrementally. It's a radical event that only happens once in a human's existence. Being born again is another radical event that only happens once in a lifetime. If you are only born once, you will die twice; but if you are born twice, you will only die once. **John 3:1-8**

Salvation is an eternal relationship with God. We need to understand what Jesus meant when He used the word “perish.” **John 3:16**

Perish: to die or be killed; to disappear or be destroyed; to cease to exist; to slowly break apart by a natural process.

More than 100,000 people die every day. How many of them went to hell? How many of them were born again?

DON'T WASTE YOUR LIFE

How are you spending your time? Are you contributing to the Kingdom of God or are you a liability? Do you have any fruit in your life? The church today is filled with Christians who contribute little to nothing. **John 15:1-6**



Sometimes churches are filled with people who believe they are saved but their names are not written in the Book of Life. **Matthew 7:21-23**

Churches do not consist of buildings but born again people that meet together to worship the Lord, study the Bible and pray together. The local church or body of Christ is the sum total of the redeemed sinners. You have been saved by the work that Jesus did on the cross so that God can carry out good works through you. **Ephesians 2:8-10**

The church of Jesus Christ is made up of individual Christians, and if the individuals do not function, then logic will dictate that the church also will not function. What is the Lord's opinion of you? **Revelation 3:15-16**

"Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not whether they be clergymen or laymen, they alone will shake the gates of Hell and set up the kingdom of Heaven upon Earth." John Wesley

POWER & AUTHORITY

Jesus equipped the disciples with power and sent them out. He did the same with the seventy others. **Luke 9:1-2; 10:1, 9, 17-20**

Was there any power discrepancy between the two groups? Did they minister in different ways? The answer is no both times; they both had equal amounts of the same power and authority. This of course leads us full circle with Jesus' command to share the Gospel to the ends of the earth. **Matthew 28:18-20**

In the Gospel of Mark we find the definitive statement that begins with *"And these signs shall follow them that believe..."* **Mark 16:17-18**

Do you have courage to believe the Bible? Are you willing to be bold for the Lord and leave the results to Him? The Book of Acts is still being written... what will your account say?

We should never lose sight of the fact that Jesus will never change. **Hebrews 13:8**

"The preacher's work is to throw sinners down in utter helplessness, that they may be compelled to look up to Him who alone can help them." C.H. Spurgeon

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!