

LIVING BY FAITH



BEGINNING YOUR WALK
AS A NEW BELIEVER

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Tell Others about Christ

And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

Acts 5:42

Now that you have accepted Jesus as your personal Lord and Saviour you will want to share the good news of the gospel of Christ with others.

Why We Should Talk to Others about Christ

Christians have an important job that we are required to perform for the Lord. This is not a suggestion but a directive from God. We cannot call in sick to avoid it and we cannot wait for Wednesday night or Sunday to do our job.

Each us has the responsibility to tell others about their need for salvation, we are to be soul winners. Jesus himself was an active soul winner.

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. – Luke 19:10 (Words of Jesus)

We are commanded by God to go to others to spread the gospel because it is His desire to see all come to know Jesus.

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. – Mark 16:15

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 28:19 (Words of Jesus)

These commands given to us by Jesus tell us that we are to tell others about the gospel of Christ, help them to find a church where they can be baptized, and disciple them by teaching them what the Bible says. The Bible should be your study tool and the Holy Spirit living within you is your guide.

Sometimes Christians think that the job of soul winning should be left to the missionaries. I was speaking to a man recently about spreading the gospel of Christ on a college campus. He said he firmly believed in the concept that you were either a missionary or on the mission field. I heartily agree. Missionaries

spread the gospel to others on a full-time basis. They often bring the Word of God to other countries around the world.

We are all missionaries on the mission field! Do you not have an opportunity to witness to others about Christ throughout the day? The gas station attendant needs to hear about Christ, the grocery store bagger, the fast food restaurant drive-thru cashier, your friend, family members, and even your social networking links. With the introduction of social networking and the use of Facebook, MySpace, or Twitter there is a 24-hour means of reaching out to others to share the good news of the gospel of Christ.

Read Matthew 4:17-25 and Mark 1:14-22.

Why was Jesus preaching to the people?

In Mark 1:15, what did Jesus tell Simon and Andrew they needed to do?

What would Simon and Andrew become if they followed Christ?

Why were the men astonished by Jesus' doctrine in Mark 1:22?

Jesus is God. He had knowledge that the time would come when He would no longer be with them. He already knew that He would die on the cross for our sins, bare our sins into hell, and rise up to heaven to sit at the right hand of God. He told the people that the 'kingdom of heaven is at hand'. Now was the time for them to listen to Jesus and follow him.

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 5:1-9.

The same holds true today. There will come a time and day which all born-again Christians will be called up in the air to be with the Lord. We won't be here for those that have not accepted Christ. The antichrist will reign in the world for 7 years. During that time the only way for a person to get to heaven will be to reject the mark of the beast. We cannot sit back idle and hope that others will 'figure it out' before it is too late.

You may feel a little uncomfortable reaching out to others in the beginning. We can go to speak to them about the gospel with confidence because Jesus told us that He will help us.

Look back at our text in Matthew and Mark. In Mark 1:15, we see that the first requirement for us is to repent and believe in Him. As a born-again Christian, you have fulfilled this requirement. Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee when he came upon two brothers, Simon and Andrew. These brothers were fishermen and casting their nets into the sea unable to catch any fish. Jesus told Simon where to cast his net. To their astonishment the net was so full with fish that the net broke. The fish that were caught filled two ships and both began to sink (Luke 5:5-9). Jesus told the brothers to follow Him and 'He' would make them 'fishers of men' (Matthew 4:19).

Jesus is the one that can help us to win souls for Christ if we obey and follow Him. Remember how we learned that God the Father, God the Son and the Holy Spirit are all one entity with the same characteristics? The Holy Spirit which lives inside of you will direct your path when you are talking to someone about Christ. This is one reason why Bible reading and prayer are so

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