

INSIGHT

When the demon-possessed man was saved from the power of Satan, he desired to go with Christ. But Christ would not allow him to go with Him because He had other work for him to do: he must go home to his own and tell them what great things the Lord had done for him (*Mark 5:18-19*). This man was called to be a witness of the Lord Jesus Christ! God's people in the Old Testament were called His *witnesses* (*Isaiah 43:10*). This holds true for the New Testament Christian. We are called to testify about the saving grace of Christ! The apostle Peter understood this when he spoke to Cornelius and his household saying, "*He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*" (*Acts 10:42-43*)

It is our duty as faithful disciples of Christ to share the gospel with the lost. In Luke 12:8, Jesus said, "*I tell you, whoever acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before the angels of God.*" Christ assures us that those who confess Him before men, He Himself will acknowledge them as His people in that great day before the angels of God! Christ's purpose was to save people from their sins (*1 Tim 1:15*). For this reason He was given the name "Jesus" (*Matthew 1:21*). He calls us to continue His work in bringing souls to His kingdom. This is the meaning of the parable of the ten minas in Luke 19:12-27. He calls us to *occupy* (KJV) or "to get busy" until He comes. Are you busy??? Remember, the gospel saves (*Romans 1:16*)! How can sinners believe in the gospel if the message is not told to them? (*Romans 10:14*) You are the light and the salt! Fulfill your purpose!

The Life in Christ

A Life of Proclaiming Christ

Key Text: **Psalm 145:10-12**

"All you have made will praise you, O Lord; your saints will extol you. They will tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all men may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom."

Theme:

Just as a beautiful building praises its builder or a well-drawn painting praises its painter, so do the saints praise their Lord! God's people speak of the greatness of His kingdom and testify of the mighty deeds He has done through Christ! We are called to proclaim the saving message of the gospel! Have you telling others about Jesus? Have you been sharing the love of God with the lost?

Application:

Here are some practical suggestions:

1. **Carry church cards with you!** Keep a fresh supply of church cards with your name, number, and church information on them. Invite people to church. Those who are opened to the invitation, give them a church card.
2. **Carry pamphlets with you.** Hand out Gospel pamphlets to those who are willing to accept them. Do not waste them on those who are not interested!
3. **Tell others of Jesus!** Share with the lost the saving message of the gospel! Let them know that Jesus loves them, died for them and wants to save them. Exchange phone numbers and set up studies with those interested in knowing more of God's grace!

May the Lord richly bless you!

SERMON OUTLINE

Proclaiming Christ

I. A Former Lesson Of A Sinful People

1. Sodom and Gomorra
(*Gen. 18:20-19:29*)
 - a. Men of Sodom were wicked
 - b. Lord determines to destroy the city
--Willing to spare for the sake of few righteous men (compassion)
--Lord deals patiently with Abraham
 - c. Lot was a righteous man
(*2 Peter 2:7-8*)
--Was he distressed by the filthy lives of the Sodomites
--He was tormented by what he saw and heard
--Did he not preach to them???
 - d. God destroyed with fire
2. Christians' Task (*2 Cor 5:10-11a*)
--Remember the judgment
--Persuade men

II. Conclusion (*2 Tim 1:7-8*)

1. God did not give us a spirit of timidity
2. Do not be ashamed to confess Jesus

SMALL GROUP STUDY

Warm-up:

Did you ever ignore a warning just to wind up getting into trouble or problems? Explain.

See To It *Luke 17:24-30*

1. What is the day of Christ compared to? Explain this comparison?
2. What happened in the days of Noah? What was Noah's role? See *2 Peter 2:5*.
3. What was the response of the people? Who wound up escaping death?
4. What happened in the days of Lot? What kind of person was Lot? See *2 Peter 2:6-8*.
5. Did you think Lot shared the Lord with these people? Explain.

Seeing It Closer:

1. How is the world like Sodom today? Give some examples of what's going on today?
2. How can we make a difference in the lives of people today?
3. How does the story of Noah and Lot motivate us to proclaim Christ?
4. Read verses 32-33. What must we remember about Lot's wife? How does her example apply to us today?

Getting To It:

Next time you sit in a stadium, picture how judgment will be like for all of those spectators. Be motivated to proclaim the gospel of Christ to the lost! Be the light!!!