




Salvation

Act 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is ***none other name*** under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

After last week's lesson regarding how important it is for the church to have a burden for souls. We discussed that all people regardless of economics, skin color, ethnic background or sexual orientation need to know about the salvation that Jesus provides.

This must be the attitude of the church!!

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- 1Ti 2:4 Who will have ***all men to be saved***, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.
 - 1Ti 2:5 For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;
 - 1Ti 2:6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.



This means all people !

Mat 24:13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Mat 24:14 And **this gospel** of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come



Moving forward:

There are challenges that we must overcome to be effective in winning souls.

Let's look at 3 !



**Understanding a world view other cultures
and other cultures.**



Alienation vs. Separation
of the Church



**Biblical definition of salvation
(including biblical lifestyles that
reflect that definition)**

Challenges :

1. Understanding a world view of other cultures and religions.

This is the reason why we should support those on the mission fields . People who have been called to spread the gospel on a global scale, in most cases, they are residing in foreign countries in various cultures , even in cultures where loss of life is a constant threat. Yet these serve the kingdom in reaching the lost understanding the various cultures by which they live in. This is why those on the mission field must be a major point in our prayers.

Also, it would be very advantageous for the local church to study the beliefs of other cultures and belief systems.

Act 8:4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

Challenges :

Alienation vs. Separation of the Church

- Alienate - cause (someone) to feel isolated or estranged.
- Separate - divide into constituent or distinct elements.

It was never the will of God for the church to alienate itself from this world but to be separate from the processes and belief system that this world provides.

If we alienate ourselves from this world, how do we show people the love of Christ?

We are in this world, however, because of Christ we do not pattern ourselves after the things of this world.

Challenge

Biblical definition of salvation (including biblical lifestyles that reflect that definition.

One of the greatest challenges that we must overcome is the ability to provide people with a concise definition of salvation and provide examples of the lifestyle that we profess.

It is vital that the church can explain salvation not only by experience but in addition to this, we must live that life as well .

Biblical terms of salvation:

- Born again
- Reconciliation
- Newness of life
- Righteousness or right standing with God
- Transformed Life.
- Saved from the wrath to come

There are 2 ways to resolve this:

1. Explain, in your own words what the Lord has done for you. (no one can deny that)

1Pe 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Rev. 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Your testimony is an undeniable great tool in witnessing to people. The Lord can use your conversion experience to persuade the hearts of people.

Listen to this testimony:

Jhn 4:28 The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

Jhn 4:29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

Jhn 4:30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

Listen to this testimony:

Act 22:3 I am verily a man *which am* a Jew, born in Tarsus, *a city* in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, *and* taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

Act 22:4 And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

Act 22:5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.

Act 22:6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

Act 22:7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?**

Act 22:8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, **I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.**

Act 22:9 And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.

Act 22:10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, **Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.**

Act 22:11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.

Act 22:12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt *there*,

Act 22:13 Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.

Act 22:14 *And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.*

Act 22:15 *For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.*

Psa 34:2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD:
the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad.

When you and I can take our testimonies, then back them with biblical terms of salvation what a powerful tool to us to minister to people.

When we can explain “who” it was that did what and how it turned out. Then show in the Bible about a TRANSFORMED LIFE or being born again or even being reconciled it brings life to the word of the Lord.

**** This is not preaching , this is sharing your faith to someone.**

Closing

When was the last
timed you
Share your
testimony with
someone and
showed them in
the Bible how your
experienced fell in
line with the
scriptures ?

