

“The harvest indeed is plenteous,
but the laborers are few ...”
Matthew 9:35-38

(Part 2)

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What Can I Do?

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View The World As Lost.

- If viewed the people from – spiritual condition. **Ephesians 2:1-2**
- If view them without hope. **Ephesians 2:12**
- If view them on road to eternal separation from God. **Revelation 21:8**

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Preach Redemption

Gospel Message – Redemption / Salvation

- Power unto salvation. **Romans 1:16-17**
- How we are saved. **1 Corinthians 15:1-4**
- Peter's sermon – salvation from sin. **Acts 2**
- Paul's sermon on Mars Hill – salvation. **Acts 17:22-31**

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- Peter's sermon to Gentiles. **Acts 10:34-48**
- Paul's Sermon in Antioch on 1st Journey. **Acts 13:16-41**
- Books like Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians, etc. have themes about salvation.

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Preach Redemption

Gospel Demands Change of Life

- Repentance. **Acts 2:38; 17:30-31; cf. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Acts 19:17-20**
- Stop the practice of sin. **Romans 6**
- Give up old religion. **Philippians 3:3ff; 1 Thessalonians 1:9**
- Start doing things to serve God. **Acts 26:17-20**

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Preach Redemption

Message Has Shifted – Social

- *More on relationships.*
- *How to be a better person.*
- *“Feel Good,” “motivational” preaching.*

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Hindrances: The Social Gospel

- NOTE: Social activities, recreation, and benevolence were never offered in NT days as the means by which to get people to become Christians. THE GOSPEL IS GOD'S DRAWING POWER BY WHICH TO CALL MEN.

2 Thessalonians 2:14; Romans 1:16

Are these things worthy of the blood of Jesus Christ? cf. Ephesians 5:25; Acts 20:28

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Hindrances: “Keeping House”

A Church that did not just keep house

Church at Antioch
in Syria

Acts 13-14 First evangelistic tour of Paul
Acts 15-18 Second evangelistic tour of Paul
Acts 18-21 Third evangelistic tour of Paul

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Hindrances: Fear

➤ Fear of offending

- *Gospel will offend. Matthew 15:12; Acts 13:45-48*
- *Gospel convicts world of **sin**. John 16:8; Acts 2:37*
 - *Learn the Scriptures. Acts 7:42; 17:2; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4*

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Hindrances: Fear

➤ Fear of Alienating a friend

- *Gospel sometimes will alienate people. Matthew 10:34ff*
- *So, deem it not worth the risk. cf. Luke 16:28*

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Hindrances: Hypocrisy

➤ Set the Example

- *Influence. Matthew 5:13-14; Romans 3:17-24*
- *Some say, and do not. Matthew 23:1-5*
- *“Work out your own salvation ...”
Philippians 2:12-16*

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*Why We Are Not
Converting The World*

World Is Not Interested In The Gospel
Don't View The World As Lost
Message Preached Is Not Redemption
Content To "Keep House"
Fear Of Offending & Alienating Others
Hypocrisy

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
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What Can I Do?

- Become more evangelistic
- Try to reach family, friends with gospel
- Use Bible materials
- Set up Home Bible Studies
- Bring someone to a special class or service
- Talk to others about Bible questions
- Set the example
- Bring someone to a Gospel Meeting

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Gospel Meeting

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Presenting A Special Series Of Lessons
Perfecting Holiness In The Fear Of God
November 3rd - 8th

Lessons Planned:

<small>Sunday Morning 9:45 a.m.</small>	The Purpose of the Commandment
<small>Sunday Morning 10:45 a.m.</small>	Preaching Fables
<small>Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.</small>	Asking for Wisdom in Faith
<small>Monday Evening 7:00 p.m.</small>	The Defense for My Hope
<small>Tuesday Evening 7:00 a.m.</small>	The Holiness of God
<small>Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.</small>	The Beauty of Infant Moses
<small>Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m.</small>	Alcohol, Social Drinking, and the Christian
<small>Friday Evening 7:00 p.m.</small>	The Love of God in Our Hearts

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