

## URGENT EVANGELISM NEEDED

### Romans 3:10, 23

**Introduction:** Christianity needs a boost, a shot in the arm for evil is dominant and ours is a sin sick, morally bankrupt, heavy hearted and hungry hearted world. The only cure for what ails our world is what Christians have and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. Who is going to take what Christians have to our sick world? Only Christians. There is an urgent need for Christians to be the evangelists they are supposed to be.

### I. THE WORLD NEEDS WHAT CHRISTIANS HAVE

1. The world is degraded by sin.
  - "Oh, the sinfulness of sin..." The serpent of sin has left his slimy trail of sin, suffering, and degradation. "Character" has collapsed and our prisons are full because of sin.
2. There are lost, doomed people everywhere.
  - There is no place on earth where lost people are not to be found and they will remain as such as long as they are without Jesus Christ.
3. The world is in critical need.
  - The need cannot be denied for 1/2 to 3/5 of our world is without preachers, teachers and doctors.
  - There are more unsaved, lost people today than when Jesus lived. Our world is becoming even more lost faster than it is becoming Christian.
  - Many are turning from idols - but turning to nothing - no religion whatsoever. Even our own country is not becoming more Christian when at least 1/2 of our country have no religious affiliation and millions of our children never have any Christian influence while growing up.
  - There are thousands of communities in our country without a Church of any kind and thousands of towns have no pastors for the Churches they do have.

### II. CHRISTIANS NEED TO HAVE A CONCERN FOR THE LOST

1. *Luke 15* gives a description of God's concern for the lost.
  - The shepherd looking for the one lost sheep.
  - The woman looking for the coin she lost.
  - The father looking for his wayward prodigal son.
  - Unbelievers in Jesus Christ are lost, tragically lost, they are eternally lost.
  - God's Word can be no plainer in describing the fate of the lost - without hope, aliens, enemies of God, under God's wrath, standing in slippery places, destined for Hell.
2. There must be a concern for the lost.
  - The lostness of people should stir every Christian into a deep soul crushing Christ-like concern.
  - The Christian needs to see the lost as Jesus did, as sheep doomed, despairing, defeated,

- dying and damned.
- Seeing through the eyes of Jesus, one will see souls, souls, souls.

3. The Christian must have compassion for the lost.
  - A compassion and exerted efforts to win the lost is NORMAL for a healthy Christian.
  - Sadly, though, most Christians live a sub-normal life and are therefore unproductive for Jesus and also they live unhappy, unfruitful lives.

### **III. THE CHRISTIAN HAS ASSURANCE OF POWER AND VICTORY**

1. When a Christian does become concerned about the lost he/she often becomes bewildered and asks, "what can I do in such a world and in such times as these?"
2. The times of Jesus were very similar to ours, so what did Jesus do?
  - Some said, "There's no way out, so let's eat, drink, be merry and conform to the world."
  - Others said, "There's no God or things wouldn't be as they are so there's no heaven, no hell, and nothing to hope for."
  - One group just withdrew into isolation from the rest of the world.
  - Some said, "Let's get rich while the getting is good."
  - Another group said, "Let's make Jesus, the miracle worker, king and revolt, let's do something to get attention."
  - These same things are being said even today but Jesus said, ***"Repent, change your mind."*** His message to us today is the same.
3. The Gospel is adequate, all that is needed.
  - Jesus Christ is the answer for He is able to save all who come to Him.
  - His Gospel is as amazing as His cross, as incredible as His empty tomb and as dynamic as the Holy Spirit of God.
  - His Gospel is good news for the suffering, dying world. Christians must be compelled to proclaim it everywhere to everyone.
  - ***"We cannot but speak the things we have seen and heard..."***
4. The Christian has divine assurance of power and victory.

***"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."***

### **CONCLUSION:**

1. Our world and especially our own country is in desperate need of what the Christian has.
2. Christians we are commanded to give world what it so desperately needs.
3. Christians, go evangelize the world.