

Commission of Christ

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I. Introduction.

- A. God loves us. (John 3:16)
- B. Tens of thousands live in mortal fear because they do not know that God loves them.
- C. To love is to give.
- D. Salvation is by faith and not works.

II. God is love and the world needs love shed abroad in it.

- A. There is a world afraid of death - one of the fundamental realities of life. Jesus is the answer to death, so we proclaim Jesus. (Hebrews 2:15)
- B. The world is lonely, and Jesus' continual companionship is the answer to loneliness. (Jeremiah 22:29)
- C. Cruel men have been transformed to loving people by the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

III. What we can do to make our lives really count for God.

- A. There is a unique power in the principle of multiplication.
- B. The early Christians had such power because they had a unique message and a unique method. (2 Timothy 2:2)
 - 1. A little one can become a thousand with multiplication. (Isaiah 60:22)
 - 2. Your life can be used of God to be the foundation of many generations. (Isaiah 58:12, 43:4)
 - 3. The commission is to go and make disciples not merely converts. (Matthew 28:18-20, Hebrews 2:1)

IV. What it will take.

- A. Death to self. (John 12:24, 1 John 3:16)
- B. Depth in the Word of God. (Hebrews 5:11-12)

Application questions

1. There are many needs that only Christ can meet. Which one stands out to you and why?

2. How does multiplication make one's life really count? Explain.

3. What is one way that you can increase your depth in God's Word?
