

# Proclaiming the Gospel

Message  
of  
Jesus Christ

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;  
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1.18).

Edifying the Body of Christ (Eph. 4.10-16)

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## "Saved" to Serve

How many times have we heard preached that a person is saved to go to Heaven when they die! People then go on their way believing they will one day go to Heaven – "In the Sweet By and By," but in the meantime go on living the life they have been living.

When I stood at the altar with my late husband and took my vows of marriage with him, September 30, 1972, they were not vows for "In the Sweet By and By;" they were vows for my life from that moment on – as were his. We took those vows because of our love one for another. We took those vows because we wanted to spend the rest of our lives serving the Lord Jesus Christ together under His Lordship.

When I took my vows unto the Lord Jesus Christ as a very young child, I wanted to serve my Lord from that moment on here on earth and live eternally with my Lord – forever and forever.

Our vows with the Lord Jesus Christ are for all eternity: **now** and forevermore with Him in Heaven. When one lives for the Lord Jesus Christ, it is to be a life under His Lordship moment by moment. It is a life of service in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are called to serve Him moment by moment – not only "In the Sweet By and By."

Those who have truly surrendered their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ will be worshiping Him, living for Him, **serving** Him – **now** and forevermore. We are "**saved**" to **serve**. We are called to be His witnesses.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1.8).

Many have gone through the pages of the Holy Bible, dividing it, showing much was written for only those who lived at the time it was written. They have, under the guise of being the final authority, given people today a new word by making null and void the Holy Bible, giving forth a powerless word from themselves to replace the powerful Word from the Lord God Almighty in Christ Jesus (II Cor 11.13).

Yes, the Word was to the disciples, but were there not 120 in the Upper Room to whom this word was given? Were there not women present also? So was this word given to only 12 out of the 120? And, were those words null and void after each disciple, one by one, went to be with the Lord Jesus Christ in Heaven (Acts 1.13-15; 2.1-4, 16-18)?

Then said I, Woe [is] me! for I am undone; because I [am] a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts (Isa 6.5).

Isaiah heard the call of the Lord God when he repented of His sins (Isa 6); he responded with "Here am I; send me." When we have repented of our sins, we also will respond to the call upon our lives to be in ministry at home, at work – wherever we are, daily.

**Are you in ministry for the Lord at home? at work?**

**Are you serving the Lord in your daily walk with Him?**

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***Co-laborers together for Jesus Christ***

*Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).*

I believe a great sin has occurred – as so much time has been spent “preaching” a new gospel endeavoring to replace the power of God with the powerless man (Gal 1.6, 7). People of God in Christ Jesus, the Lord has called us to serve and to serve under His authority and His power – to give forth His Word.

Matthew’s Gospel, Chapter Ten, gives to us the mandate to serve. Yes, some will say that was for the “Twelve Disciples” only. Luke’s Gospel, Chapter Ten, gives to us the mandate to serve. Yes, some will say that was for the “Seventy” only.

But, the Bible, the Holy Word of God, has in it the mandate to serve the Lord today (I Cor 12, especially v 28; Eph 4).

Matthew 28.19-20 was given to the eleven disciples, a command to serve. Does that mean that it is not for “them that believe” in the Lord Jesus Christ today? We are to go forth “in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” Notice verse 20:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded **you**: and, lo, I am with you always, [*even*] unto the end of the world. Amen.

Webster’s 1828 Dictionary gives the definition of *observe*: “keep or adhere to in practice; to comply with; to obey.” “Teaching **them** to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded **you**”: Is this not to **carry forward** what the Disciples were commanded? Is this not to live what the Holy Bible commands “**them that believe**” on the Lord Jesus Christ?

Mark 16 is beautiful as the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to Mary Magdalene after His resurrection; she told the disciples that she had seen the Lord (Mk 16.9-12). Then the Lord appeared to two men on the Emmaus Road (Lk 24.13-32). The disciples believed neither the women nor the men. The Great Commission is also given in Mark 16. Read each verse to see the power of God in Christ Jesus through “**them that believe**” (Mk 16.14-20). Hear the Word of the Lord in these days that lie before us – to “**them that believe**”!

The enemy has come in like a flood (Isa 59.19; II Cor 11.13-15), attempting to teach that those who know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in their lives, their hearts, have no power. Well, Satan is right! We have no power, but we **DO** have power in the “Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” The meaning of *Name* as used here (*in the Gk*) and given by Webster’s 1828 Dictionary is “to act under the authority of that Name.”

We are to go forth under the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ obeying His commands all through the Bible – as we understand being “**saved**” to **serve**, born again (Jn 3), having made a commitment to Jesus Christ. The Lord God in Christ Jesus gives to us His authority to carry forth His commands.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1.8).

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 always, [*even*] unto the end of the world. Amen (Mt 28.19-20).

And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give (Mt 10.7, 8).

And they went out, and preached that men should repent.  
And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed [*them*] (Mk 6.12, 13).

If you have repented of your sins and asked Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Savior, have surrendered your life to Jesus Christ and are living for Jesus moment by moment according to the Holy Word, according to His commands – you are “**saved**” to **serve**, you are called to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord has a calling upon your life to “be witnesses” for the Lord wherever you are in your life: home, work, school, travels . . . It is a daily walk with the Lord to serve the Lord, “to walk humbly with thy God” (Mic 6.8).

We are two old widows whom the Lord Jesus called to come together eight years ago to edify the body of Christ with the *Message* that we have written all these years and continue writing and sending to people in over 37 states. Many are receiving multiple copies in the single, double and triple digits to use in their ministry as they, in turn, reach out to others in their daily lives. We also continue traveling over the United States endeavoring to edify the body of Christ and to witness as the Lord Jesus Christ places before us whom He will – as well as praying for those to whom the *Message* is sent. We are working together as the body of Christ in the service of the Lord **with each of you** who are serving the Lord.

The Bible explains to us that we are one in the Lord though each has a differing gift (I Cor 12). “None Is Above Another” (Dec 2011 *Message*); the body functions, works together, under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. When people brag about who they think they are and what gift they have, I personally run from them, knowing the falseness.

We are “**saved**” to **serve** the Lord Jesus Christ that His power and authority will be manifested in us and through us that He shall be glorified. If we are serving the Lord, we will be praising Him for Who He is. We will be exalting Him, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Becoming the Church (Christ’s Holy Church) will deepen our love for the Lord, and we will come together under His Lordship, exalting the Name of Jesus. I believe when we are in the presence of the Almighty, we, indeed, will bow before Him.

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [*things*] in heaven, and [*things*] in earth, and [*things*] under the earth;  
And [*that*] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [*is*] Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phi 2.10,11).

When the glory of the Lord is revealed in our lives, there is nothing more to do than to kneel and worship the Lord – as did Ezekiel by the River of Chebar (Ez 3) and as did Job in Chapter One, and Moses in Exodus 34.8. When His glory is revealed in our lives, we will, like Isaiah, see our sinfulness and cry out,