



Mighty in the Word

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

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Come Over to Macedonia

Chere's a call comes ringing from the restless wave, 'send the Light, send the Light.' There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save, send the Light, send the Light."

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prayed him, saying, **Come over into Macedonia, and help us.**

And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that **the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.**

Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next *[day]* to Neapolis;

And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, *[and]* a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted *[thither]*.

And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard *[us]*: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought *[us]*, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *[there]*. And she constrained us (Acts 16.8-15).

I recall a time when there were foreign missionaries who went abroad from wherever the call or God in Christ Jesus led them. I have family that were, in earlier years, foreign missionaries in Malaysia. I recall a time in which there were home missionaries who went wherever the call of God in Christ Jesus led them.

It, *seemingly*, has been years since hearing of those who surrendered their lives to go, to "Go Tell it on the Mountain, over the hill and everywhere – that Jesus Christ is born." I have heard much about funds not being available today, about those who can reach out to others to meet the social/financial needs being more appropriate to talk to people and "to meet people's earthly needs more capably" – the social gospel, which is more important than witnessing, than endeavoring to lead them to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It is indicated that those who can meet the wants of people are more important to the world than the Gospel of Jesus Christ being preached and shared, and people witnessed to. And, more importantly

and dying world? Where do we stand when all around us are those who are without a calling to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ – but stand on a pulpitum which most, in their blindness, see as standing behind a pulpit? Where do we stand with those who have a goodly word for their followers – but know not the Lord Jesus Christ and, thus, cannot give forth the Word of the Lord to bring them to salvation, to give forth the Word, the calling we have when we know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to live a life of holiness? Where do we stand in the midst of a lost and dying world who are without knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Have you heard the call of "Come over to Macedonia and help us"? Where is the Macedonia to which you are called? Have you responded to the Lord Jesus Christ? Have you responded to the Lord, "**Here am I, Lord, send me**"?

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

to these people is the fact that a social gospel is not offensive whereas the Name of Jesus is offensive, as so many do not believe in Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel).

I met a young woman from Thessalonica on an international flight back to the states from Yugoslavia in 1990. Oh, the world is small, for when I think of Macedonia, I recall that time when I met someone from that area. It seems such a small world, and, yet, though it is almost at the point of a total one world order, accessibility to wherever one wants to go being easy, and so many from other "places" being here with dual citizenship, and travel being easy, entering this "land" is easy for any and all, and, yet, the world seems much larger as people are busy with their plastic toys, involved with themselves, seeking all they can for themselves, and, yet those of other countries still reside in their homeland in a world of darkness as are **all** nations today.

Oh, how Satan has deceived a people that used to pray and weep for the lost and dying, those who did not know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. For more years than I care to recall, the world has been taught from fast food businesses and "churches," "Have it your way," "It is all about me-e-e-e." And how long has it been since the "churches" have begun teaching from the fast food business bible. The "churches" have motivational speakers, and have had for years, who tell the people how much God loves them right where they are, God wants to prosper you, God understands so just keep on doing what you are doing, everything is alright.

Were we not made aware in recent times of one who had become a celebrity, sharing with another one who believed like he did, that there will be those from other religions in heaven as God is a God of love, that God is bigger than someone who would send people to hell just because they do not believe the Bible, but adhere to their *special book* for their religion?

And then, I have heard it said, "I got it. That is on them if they don't." I have heard it said by some, I have the Holy Spirit, I am not burdened for those who are not saved as I am fine; it is up to others to do what they want to do."

Oh, the goodly life is taught, not the godly life. We are called to a life of holiness in the Lord Jesus Christ. When we know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, we will desire to share "The Love of God" in Christ Jesus that will bring a person who has not repented of their sins – to repentance seeking God's saving grace through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Oh, my Jesus, do we not understand the Word, Your Holy Word? Do we not understand the Bible is a command, not just the Decalogue?

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. Amen (Mt 28.19, 20).

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).

Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly *[is]* plenteous, but the labourers *[are]* few;
Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest (Mt 9.37, 38).

In earlier times preaching the gospel to a lost and dying world, in the midst of many trials and dangers, was at the heart of the Church; the people who knew Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior knew the call was upon their lives and responded. The Apostle Paul knew the call of the Lord God upon his life. It was the Holy Ghost alone who directed the apostle.

Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us (Acts 16.6-9).

Paul is forbidden by the Holy Ghost to preach the Word in Asia (the province), and will not suffer him to go into Bithynia. By a vision in the night Paul was called to go into Macedonia. It is the Lord who calls him into Macedonia. While the gospel is sent under Paul's ministry to the whole creation under heaven, yet there is specific direction as to where Paul was to go; we are given specific direction as to where the Lord is calling us. Are we listening? Are we obeying?

It is important that we be aware of the work of the enemy, he who is deceitful, he who tells half-truths, which means it is a lie - as there is no such as half-truths.

Acts 16, 16-18 makes clear how the enemy, how Satan works. Satan does not acknowledge truth, does not acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ. Notice how Satan deceives people with cunning words – **not the Truth of the Lord Jesus Christ.**
Read II Corinthians 11.13-15; Matthew 7.21-23.

Read the rest of Acts, Chapter 16 to see the work of the Lord Jesus Christ, when we are submissive to the will of the Lord, when we count all things, all that the world holds dear – but loss that we might have life in Christ Jesus. Paul seemingly could never get enough of the Lord. Paul's love for the Lord was worth suffering for and dying for – as we read in II Timothy 4.6.

I believe when we know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, our love will be greater than who we are. Love will take us to the Lord, to desiring the Lord Jesus Christ more than anything this life affords us. John 15.13

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Where do we stand in the midst of a lost and dying world, a world that seemingly has little feelings for others, if any; a world that cares not for others, "churches" with their motivational speakers who are without knowledge of the One Who died for the world on the Cross of Calvary, Who was crucified for all Who have a heart to hear the Word of God in Christ Jesus? Where do we stand in the midst of a lost