

He Came to Save!



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If Jesus came to *save* the lost, then we have to know *who* He is; *how* He saves sinners; and what is *our* part in this vital plan. We *should* have compassion for the millions of lost souls in the world, and what *we* can do to help them. It begins with living the Truth in our own life and being an example for others to emulate. A *shown* lesson is always better than a *told* lesson.

If our *life* and *attitudes* are what God *wants* them to be, our witness in the world would be a right one that could influence another to change *their* attitudes and ways. At times we are too concerned with the spiritual condition of the *world*, and not enough about our *own* spiritual condition—and if correct, will be the *best witness* to those who know *not* the Truth. Matthew 5:16 “*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*”

Compassion and concern for the lost would compel us to *pray* for them, and asking God to control *our* life so we would be Shining a Light for His Son. We should *pray* for the opportunity to give full-Truth literature to someone asking to know more about our beliefs. 1 Peter 3:15 “*If you are asked about your Christian hope [which you cherish], always be ready to explain it*”—and to

do this in a kind and respectful way—out of true concern for them.

Gospel means *good news*, so we should be ready to *share* it if God has opened someone’s heart to receive it. We must not run ahead of the Holy Spirit, but always be *in step* with Him—going to God in *prayer* for Him to *prepare* someone’s heart to accept His Truth.

Today is the day 2 Corinthians 6:2 we can reflect the light of the Gospel by the way we *talk* and *walk* and *treat* those we see every day—at work; at play; in our neighborhood; in school; while shopping; with friends; and always in our interactions with family members—the ones we *should* treat as we want *them* to treat us.

With two people going into eternity every second—and most unprepared spiritually to meet the Judge of everyone—the best thing we can do for them is following the words of Jesus. John 13:34 “*A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.*”

Helping the lost in this world is best accomplished by a living witness of our own life—³⁵ “*By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*” Loving the world is *praying* for the lost—asking God to bring them to a knowledge of His Gospel plan of life.

The apostle was a daily *witness* for God’s Truth. Philippians 1:21 “*For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. 24 Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you [it is better for you that I live]*”—here on earth, he meant.

The Bible has been printed in thousands of languages and is available free in some form

worldwide. God enables us to publish full-Truth literature and send it to hundreds of addresses. We can be praying that this Gospel reach those ready to accept it—therefore as God gives the increase, *someone somewhere* can be saved from the wrath to come on this sinful world.

Jesus commissioned us Mark 16:15 “*Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned [shall be damned].*”

Although full-Truth literature is posted on our website so that God can direct any willing soul to *search* and *read*, *accept*, and *live*—as well as printed material being sent to various individuals and groups around the globe—we *still* have the responsibility to provide a *living witness* of God’s Truth by our own daily conduct and attitudes toward everyone.

Disobeying the order of a military commander is called *insubordination*; rejecting the authority of the captain of a ship is called *mutiny*; disobeying and rejecting the Commander and Savior of our soul is called *rebellion*—it is a serious sin. The prophet said to King Saul—1 Samuel 15:23 “*For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.*”

We must take corrective measures if we have been rebellious and stubborn to *change* what God has revealed *must* be changed. Hebrews 3:15, “*To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*” When God reveals a wrong *attitude* or shows us a wrong *direction* of our life, we have to correct it and be willing to change.

Those who were rebellious and stubborn in the Bible provoked God to anger. The apostle gives a list of sins that would also provoke God to anger. Galatians 5:20 “*Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you*

before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”

Jesus was *sent* to *save* those willing to listen—God is more than faithful to save anyone who is faithful to His Truth. Hebrews 10:23 “*Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised.)*” Our concern for the souls of others is evidenced by our faithfulness to the Word of God in our own life.

Hebrews 10:24 “*And let us consider how we may spur one another [encourage one another] on toward love and good deeds*”—by first showing divine *love* and *forgiveness* toward others, and being ready to perform good deeds of kindness and consideration when we have the opportunity.

We should always be concerned for the *souls* of others, and being a witness for the Truth that God has shown us to be the only way to receive a one-way ticket into eternity. Acts 18:9 “*Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city.’*”

We ponder how many in the city of Philadelphia would accept God’s Truth if they knew about it; if they read it; or if they saw a personal *example* of it. If we really have divine love and concern for the lost in this world, we would walk a little closer to God in our *own* life, and be a little more zealous to treat others in a way that *reflects* the Spirit of Christ—always forgiving and always praying.

Proverbs 22:4 “*By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life*”—but there is not much *humility* in the world and even less *fear* of God—although *both* promise the supply of needs of each day; being honored by God; and receiving eternal life as a final reward. It is well worth being *humble* and *trusting* God every

day because we know He *means* what He *wrote* in the Bible.

Pride is a deadly sin and is rampant today. The word pride is used to describe an abominable lifestyle that the world calls normal today. God says Proverbs 16:18 “*Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.*” Pride comes before eternal destruction—and to all who are proud or haughty of heart—that disastrous *fall* is sure to come one day.

In 2003, the Supreme Court made the decision that an abominable lifestyle was legal, but no matter what humans say, or what the Supreme Court says, the *Word of God* stands supreme, and it is what *He* says that matters; and is true; and eventually leads to His kingdom forever!

There will surely be negative consequences in our lives if we insist on doing things from self; following the world, and doing what *we* think is right, rather than what *God* says is right. Proverbs 21:2 “*Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts.*”

We *should* have compassion for the lost of this world; and we *should* pray that wherever God sees a willing heart to accept His Truth, He will bring them in touch with it—whether it be in the form of a Brochure on our website; or a request for literature heard in our services; or reading a Bible and being enlightened by the Holy Spirit—that is always a scriptural and daily prayer we should offer.

Jesus emphasizes the value of one soul. Luke 15:4 “*Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’*”

Luke 15:7 “*I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.*” If our *example* and *concern* for the lost of this world causes one person to repent and turn to God in faith, the angels in Heaven are rejoicing that another soul has been saved from the flames.

We all will stand before the Judge of everyone someday—and maybe soon. Judgment Day is coming—it’s just up ahead—we *have* to be *ready* by being *clothed* in the righteousness of Christ, through a trusting faith in His atoning Blood. There is no *other* way to *be* righteous before Him; no *other* way to *be* forgiven for the sins we have committed. We must always keep the lost in our prayers. Proverbs 11:30 “*The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise.*”

The believer is to *reflect* the light of the Son—God’s only begotten Son—who died on the cross and rose to life to give everyone the opportunity to *believe* in that atoning sacrifice; to *walk* in the light of God’s Truth; and to put their trust in the Lord Jesus until He *returns* for those who are *doing* that.

When we *obey* the Word of God; *pray* for ourselves and others every day; and *live* what we *know* is God’s plan for this life, then our *life reflects* the life of Christ that *shines* on others. Jesus Came to Save—now we have the opportunity to *pray* for the lost to *accept* His Truth and be *saved!*



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