

The Compassion of Christ -1/22/23

TEXT –1 Corinthians 1:25-28 *Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

INTRO – Jesus came to the earth to bring the good news of salvation. **Matthew 9:35-38** *And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. . . .*

I. Jesus Showed the Apostles His love for the Lost

A. His purpose in coming

Luke 19:10 *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

Luke 5:32 *I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*

1 John 3:16 . . . he laid down his life for us:

Luke 13:34 *O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!*

B. People Whom He Reached

1. Nicodemus – John 3
2. The Samaritan woman at the well - John 4
3. Publicans and sinners
4. Mary Madelene
5. Demoniac of Gadara Mk.5
6. Zacchaeus
7. The thief on the cross

C. The change in their lives

In their right mind and told others of Jesus

II. The early Disciples had a passion to reach others.

Of the twelve Apostles as many as seven of them were unlearned fishermen. Matthew a tax collector. Some were possibly tradesmen. None were royalty. None were men of means except perhaps Matthew. **Paul and Silas - Acts 17:6** *And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;*

Romans 9:1-3 *I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, 2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. 3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:*

There are over 100 New Testament believers mentioned by name in the Bible.

III. Christians from Every Generation Have reached Their Generation

- **The Great Commission is a command given to the church.**

Are we burdened for the lost of our generation?

David Brainerd was a missionary to American Indians. He saw a revival break out and change an entire tribe. He would ride horseback for miles and miles no matter the weather. He slept on the ground. Often, he would kneel in the snow and pray to the Lord and when he finished, heat from his body had melted all of the snow within two feet of him. One thing that Brainerd said was: *"I love to live on the brink of eternity."*

"Praying Hyde," spent days and nights in prayer for an awakening throughout India.

"Give me souls, oh God, or I die!" **John Hyde**

C. T. Studd was a famous cricket player but quit to go the mission field. Eventually he travelled to four continents to reach the lost.

Only one life, 'twill soon be past,

Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes only one,

Soon will its fleeting hours be done;

Then, in 'that day' my Lord to meet,

And stand before His Judgement seat;

Only one life, 'twill soon be past,

Only what's done for Christ will last. - C. T. Studd

Hudson Taylor – was a British Baptist Christian missionary to China and founder of the China Inland Mission. Taylor spent 51 years in China. The society that he began was responsible for bringing over 800 missionaries to the country who started 125 schools^[1] and directly resulted in 18,000 Christian conversions, as well as the establishment of more than 300 stations of work with more than 500 local helpers in all eighteen provinces

IV. Do We Have A Passion To Reach Our World?

C. H. Spurgeon reported how **John Bunyan** said *"that he often felt while preaching that he could give his own salvation for the salvation of his hearers."* Then Spurgeon stuck the knife in: *"And I pity the man who has not felt the same."*

2 Corinthians 5:14 *For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:*

Psalms 142:4 *I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.*

5 Fearful Facts from Dr. Curtis Hutson

1. Not everyone is going to be saved.

Revelation 21:8 *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

2. More people will be lost than saved.

Matthew 7:13-14 *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

3. Many expect to go to heaven but will not.

Matthew 7:21-23 *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

4. No one will be saved after death

Hebrews 9:27 *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:*

5. This may be your last opportunity to be saved.

2 Corinthians 6:2 *(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)*

CONCL – Do you see the world as a place of enjoyment or as mission field to be reached?