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"BEING A FAITHFUL WITNESS, FOR THE LORD JESUS CHRIST"
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Thank you, Melvin!

We welcome you, dear television viewers, to another presentation of The Kingdom of God Telecast, with the opportunity to reap the blessings of joining in the reading of God's Word. For God's Word in Romans 10:17 denotes, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Today, the hearts of men, women, and children are turning towards ungodliness, which is the sign of the times. This can be aligned to mankind's hate, greed, and desire for supreme power, and also the overall turmoil present in the world today. Therefore, it is mankind's highest priority to seek, find, and accept the Lord Jesus Christ's plan of salvation for our souls today.

Please join with me in reading today's sermon topic entitled, "Being A Faithful Witness, For The Lord Jesus Christ." In doing so, we will feel the blessings from the Lord Jesus Christ, God Himself, as we heed His voice, and daily calling to come unto Him.

Also bear in mind that the Lord Jesus Christ declares in Matthew 22:14, "For many are called, but few are chosen." We certainly want to be among those who are chosen to spend eternity in Paradise with the Lord Jesus Christ, as His chosen Saints of God.

Our daily prayer is to better understand our role in the Gospel Work as Spiritual witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ, so that we will be prepared to do what the Lord requires of us during our brief lifetime upon this earth.

The Lord Jesus Christ began His official ministry at 30 years of age, and preached the Gospel of the Kingdom of God for only three, and one half years. And during that time, His first test came when He was led by God's Holy Spirit into the desert, and there He was tempted with a face to face encounter with the devil, satan himself.

However, in every temptation, test, trial, or persecution, the Lord Jesus Christ overcame His enemies through the Spiritual Power vested in the Word of God.

We too, like Jesus Christ, can stand firm upon God's Word to become a living witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. As we call upon the Name, and Blood of Jesus Christ, and pray without ceasing, God's Word will protect us in every situation we encounter, knowing what to say, and what to do, to become pleasing in His sight.

The Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, witnessed to men, women and children everywhere, and taught them the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, and invited all mankind to accept His plan of salvation for the healing of their sin sick souls.

Jesus Christ also declared His sovereign power in Matthew 28:18, "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven, and in earth." Even so, the Jews in the

Synagogue, and even theologians of today, will not acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Almighty God.

Jesus Christ is God's first anointed, and Spirit filled preacher of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. And we too, in this present age must also witness, and preach, the selfsame Gospel of the Kingdom of God to the souls in this lost and dying world.

Isaiah 43:10-12 adds this exhortation, "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God."

Luke 4:16-19 presents this example of witnessing by Jesus Christ, "And he came to Nazareth where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias.

And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

In Romans 10:15-17 we see this notation, "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Jesus Christ, Himself, proclaimed in Matthew 10:34-37, "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me."

Today, men, women, and children have the opportunity to either accept, or reject the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, Master, and Lord.

In choosing the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Savior, we express our love for God's righteousness, and true holiness. We then draw ourselves a step closer in our relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ, and this becomes a loving relationship far above all other human relationships, and even those of our own personal families.

The Lord Jesus Christ preached with urgency the Gospel Good News that Jesus Saves, Jesus Heals, Jesus Baptizes with the Holy Ghost and with Fire, and Jesus is Coming Soon. And today is

the day of salvation, and the name of Jesus Christ is God's only key that will open the door, to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

On a specific night, a dramatic change took place within the heart of a God fearing man named Nicodemus, who was also a Pharisee. He learned that his religious traditions could not save him, and only by accepting the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, can we all inherit the promise of eternal life in heaven above.

Nicodemus approached the Lord Jesus Christ by night in John 3:2-4, "The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"

The Lord Jesus Christ commanded Nicodemus, and all mankind in John 3:5, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

In John 3:6-7, the Lord Jesus Christ further commanded, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

When a man, woman, or child is baptized by immersion in water in the name of Jesus Christ, their baptism parallels the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And God's Word, the Bible declares that water baptism is essential to the salvation of our souls. The Lord Jesus Christ proved this when He was baptized in the River Jordan, as well as the eight thousand souls, and many more, who were baptized after the Day of Pentecost.

The Lord Jesus Christ offers this invitation to all mankind in John 5:39, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me."

God's Word, the Bible clearly states that its purpose is to make us wise unto salvation. And in I Peter 3:21 it states, "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Jesus Christ, His Apostles, and His many disciples were all baptized by immersion in water, and we too, must follow God's plan of salvation. And our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and being born again of water, and of God's Holy Spirit, frees us from the consequences of sin, and death.

On the Day of Pentecost, the Apostle Peter used the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven given to him by the Lord Jesus Christ, Himself. And in Acts 2:37, Peter preached to the Jews in Jerusalem, "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

Peter responded in Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Acts 4:12 confirms the saving power, and authority vested in the name of Jesus Christ, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

The name of Jesus Christ, is God's only saving name given to mankind upon this earth. And God's Word also states in Philippians 2:10, "That at the name of Jesus Christ, every knee should bow of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;"

Through the Name, and Blood of Jesus Christ, our sins are removed as far as the East is from the West, and He remembers them no more. Time is of the essence, and the time is at hand when the Lord Jesus Christ will return to catch up His waiting Bride, the Church, in clouds of glory.

On the Day of Pentecost, the 120 disciples were assembled and tarried for 10 days in the upper chamber in Jerusalem, and on the 10th Day they received the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit, sent by Jesus Christ, Himself.

After being filled with God's Holy Spirit, the Apostles were able to preach and teach with power and demonstration of God's Holy Spirit. And today, we too, become true witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ after we have been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, and filled with His Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:8 relates, "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."

The Lord Jesus Christ confirmed Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost, when three thousand souls were saved, and baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Shortly thereafter, another five thousand souls were saved, and baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, making a total of eight thousand souls who were saved, and baptized in a matter of a few days.

What did they see, and what did they hear? In Acts 2:11-12 reads, "Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. And they were all amazed, and in doubt, saying to one another, What meaneth this? And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

What the people saw and heard on the Day of Pentecost was a new, and marvelous miracle of salvation preached by the Apostle Peter who was filled with God's Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. They were convicted by God's Word, and willingly accepted the Lord Jesus Christ in a manner never seen before. And they all witnessed first-hand the working of God's Holy Spirit.

They witnessed the wonderful works of God when they heard the 120 disciples speak in God's unknown tongue, and language. They heard out of the mouths of these Galileans the Words of God spoken in the numerous native tongues of those residing there in Jerusalem.

Acts 2:4 adds this exhortation of truth, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

After we accept the Lord Jesus Christ, and come to know Him as our Savior, He brings true meaning into our lives, and gives us a new identity as citizens of the Kingdom of God.

And then we become true witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ upon the earth. The Lord Jesus Christ first called the twelve Apostles into the Gospel, and one of them, Judas, turned out to be a traitor.

Secondly, the Lord Jesus Christ anointed an additional seventy disciples, and also gave them power to heal the sick and cast out evil spirits. The importance of their commission was to find the lost sheep of Israel, and preach to them the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

The power to heal the sick, and cast out evil spirits was given to reinforce the power and authority vested in the Word of God that they preached. In other words, it reinforced the promise given to mankind that the salvation of the soul is paramount above everything else, in this life.

The disciples of Jesus Christ accompanied Him as He journeyed to different cities, and they became eye-witnesses of the miracles Jesus Christ performed, and spoke freely with Him, about the miracles. They also were eye witnesses when the Lord Jesus Christ was transfigured, and when He ascended into heaven, He blessed them as He spoke in tongues.

Having witnessed the many wonderful miracles of the Lord Jesus Christ, they could now boldly preach, and defend the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, and ministry that the Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, had preached.

They were sent out to the cities that the Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, visited, and were given the responsibility to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. They also witnessed the persecution first hand that the Jesus Christ encountered, and learned how to call upon God's Holy Spirit to overcome the enemy.

God's Word, the Bible, provides Spirit, and life, to its hearers when the Gospel of the Kingdom of God is preached, and witnessed, in power, and demonstration of God's Holy Spirit, to nurture righteousness into the hearts of mankind, and especially to those present in the congregation.

The Apostle Peter in his sermon to the Gentiles proclaimed to be a chosen witness in Acts 10:39-43, "And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem: whom they slew and hanged on a tree. Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead."

In Acts 1:8, the Lord Jesus Christ commissioned His disciples, and we today to become witnesses for Him, "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."

In Acts 4:32-35, the Apostles, and believers of Jesus Christ Jesus were empowered to witness for Him, "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need."

Like the Apostles, our witnessing for the Lord Jesus Christ will be confirmed as stated in Hebrews 2:3-4, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?"

Hence, we as believers in Christ Jesus Christ must bear our own responsibility to help lift up the blood stained banner of Jesus Christ in the Lord's Gospel Work. And our diligence in serving the Lord Jesus Christ will confirm our calling, and blessing, as true witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us then, be a faithful witnesses for the Lord Jesus Christ, and be ready to respond when the Lord Jesus Christ call up His Bride, the Church saying, "Come up Hither, Come up Hither, Come up Hither."

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Until our next telecast, this is your host, Associate Pastor/Trustee Edwin Sproat, Sr. expressing my sincerest appreciation to each of you, who have allowed us to come into your homes. May the good Lord bless and keep you all in the hollow of His hands.

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