

THE WORLD'S GREATEST NEED

The news from every corner of the world tell of the need for peace in war-torn corners of the world. They tell of the need for food and clothing in poverty stricken countries and they talk of the need for loving families, civil rights, good paying jobs and on and on and on. All these needs are important for sure, yet what the world really needs is the church of Jesus Christ to do the job it was called to do.

Mk. 16:15; Acts 8:5; Col. 1:23 The greatest need that the world has today is evangelism, sharing the gospel with every living person. Preaching the gospel in every city and every land and following the example of the earliest believers when they “turned the world upside down” with the gospel- **Acts 17:6.**

WHY THE NEED IS GREAT

Matthew 7:13-14 The need is great because of the condition of the world. There are 152,000 people dying somewhere in the world every day. Jesus said most of these people that die are going to hell.

Ro. 3:23; Jn. 8:24 Contrary to what we understand as believers, most people do not understand that they are lost without Christ and if they die unsaved they will go to a Christ less eternity in hell fire.

Romans 10:13-17 Not only strangers all over the world are dying lost but our family, our friends, neighbors and co-workers will die lost and go to hell. Most Christians are doing little if nothing to witness even to their own family never mind the lost world. Unless we do something people die lost!

Revelation 3:14-17 Many fundamental gospel preaching churches have lost the number one focus of witnessing and winning souls for Christ. Churches have become recreation centers, fellowship halls and places to gather together Sunday morning because of obligations and to keep the peace in the family. As believers die off or fall away from the church little is being done to convert others. Unless we start winning others our church could become a memory much like the seven churches in **Rev. 2-3.**

WHY THE NEED IS NOT MET

- 1) **Luke 19:10; Ro. 10:1** Not concerned- Unconcerned that Jesus came from heaven to save people, and unconcerned that believers like Paul gave everything they had to try and win others.
- 2) **John 15:1-2** Not concerned about their well being when Jesus warned us about being unfruitful.
- 3) **Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:15; I Pt. 2:9** Lack of knowledge - Some may not have the understanding that all believers are called to witness and tell others about Jesus Christ and His gospel of grace.
- 4) **Mt. 10:35-36; Jn. 15:18-6:4** Lack of courage – Some are fearful of being ridiculed or rejected by their loved ones. Some are fearful of being harassed by co-workers or maybe lose their job.
- 5) **Ro. 3:23; 6:23; Rev. 21:8** Lack of faith – Some do not have faith to believe the bible is true and God can and does save sinners from hell. Some do not even believe in hell at all.
- 6) **Phil. 4:13; Jm.1:5; II Tim. 1:7-8** Lack of faith Some do not have faith enough to trust that God will give them strength to do His will and the wisdom as to how and what to say.

WHY WE NEED TO HELP

- 1) **Mt. 28:19-20** Fulfill His Command – Jesus commanded that we that we witness and make disciples for Him. He gave this command to ALL believers not just the Apostles.
- 2) **Mt. 22:39; Ro. 13:8; Mt. 5:44-45** To show love – Loving others is the the second greatest commandment. We are to love our enemies. True love shows others how to be saved.
- 3) **Lk. 16:22-24; Mt. 25:41; Rev. 20:13-15** Reality of Hell – If we truly love the Lord Jesus we will want to warn others about this awful place called hell. Jesus went through everything he suffered in order to give everyone a chance for heaven and to stay out of hell.