

John 255 “Can I Get A Witness?” John 16:8-14

We have covered the ministry focus of the Holy Spirit regarding His part in the evangelism equation which is to convict, prove or convince the world of its spiritual condition in terms of sin, righteousness and judgment and therefore, its desperate need for outside help of the highest quality and effectiveness.

Our part in this equation is witnessing which is the Royal Family of God continuing in the footsteps of Jesus and His apostles by fulfilling our Lord’s ministry of reconciliation.

If the Lord Jesus Christ believed that the Bible is the complete revelation of God to man, that’s good enough for me; how about you?

Although Jesus remains compassionate with His disciples because He loves them greatly; for a Church Age believer today with his divinely stocked portfolio of spiritual assets to exhibit the attitudes and behaviors of the eleven disciples prior to Pentecost is inexcusable. As harsh as it sounds, we either speak for God or we speak for Satan.

We can actually be part of the spiritual birth of others as we participate in the process!

The idea of intimate knowledge of Jesus Christ is something that reveals our true position in Him.

And just what do we all need to be successful witnesses? To be radically dependent on God!

In God’s grace system, a very deficient person as the world would define him who’s uneducated and or impoverished, has the same opportunity to be rewarded in the Kingdom of Heaven as the super star with his many attributes!

The unbeliever has no capacity to understand the Gospel or any other spiritual phenomena.

1st Corinthians 2:14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit acts as an activated human spirit when the unbeliever is positive at the point of God-consciousness.

This passage is often misinterpreted to represent personal sin but personal sin is not in view here.

Today more often than not, people are saved at an evangelistic meeting, not because of the content of the message but simply because the speaker has the Holy Spirit sanctioned spiritual gift of evangelism.

The Christian life is not solely witnessing but soul breathing first which will lead to the witness of one’s life and later, his lips.

Until we truly understand the Gospel, we actually get in the way of the Holy Spirit instead of working with Him.

Witnessing must be accomplished while we are filled with the Holy Spirit and able to provide certain salvation truths to the lost.

There is no single or exclusive approach to witnessing.

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

Psalms 119:11 I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You.

When the truth of the Gospel is given, the Holy Spirit will convict unbelievers of the judicial penalty of sin they are under and the fact that faith alone in Christ alone is the only answer for removal of their condemnation.

There is one thing for which the Lord Jesus could not and therefore did not die on the Cross and that is unbelief or rejection of God's gracious gift of the world's only Savior. We sin and therefore are sinners because we were born spiritually dead, we are NOT spiritually dead because we sin.

Our job in witnessing is to make the issue clear!

There is no way we can force anyone to believe in Jesus Christ because tension destroys timing in athletics as well as in evangelism.

If you want to know what your unbelieving friend is really like, witness to him!

Grace is a foreign concept to man.

Life in the devil's world from the cradle to the grave is designed to keep us from ever understanding grace.