

WHY WILL CHRISTIANS NOT GO?

Mark 16:9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

10 And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

11 And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.

12 After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.

13 And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.

14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

The answer to the question in the chapter heading is in the text above. What if you don't feel like going? What if you don't "feel" called to go? The answer is simple, Jesus Christ calls those who don't feel like it... to go preach the Gospel. The very bunch who is mourning and weeping... are the "them"... that Christ called to preach! You as a Christian are commanded to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, yet the majority of Christians will not respond to that message.

One reason for this is because they simply do not FEEL like going and preaching!

Here are a few questions for the reader to ponder:

Christian man: When are you going to join us in the Jail Ministry? Can we tell you... that if you wait until you feel like it... you'll never join us? Christian woman: When are you going to join the Ladies Prayer Group, when will you join in going out and ministering to those in the hospital, nursing home and shut-ins? Can we tell you... that if you wait until you feel like it... you'll never join them? Or how about this: When are you going to join us in the Street Ministry? Let us tell you: If you wait until you feel like it... it'll surely never happen.

The facts are simple, God's commands never hinge upon our feelings. No where will you find God saying: "**Thou shalt not kill**" – unless you feel like it. No where will you find God saying: "**Thou shalt not commit adultery**" – unless you feel like it. God's commands are never dictated by man's emotion! Here we find God commanding people who were mourning and weeping – people who didn't feel like it – to go preach the Gospel!

There is another reason many will not warn and win souls. They do not believe it will do any good. Do you know why many Christians don't pass out Gospel tracts? They don't believe it will do any good. Do you know why many Christians won't open their mouths to unsaved family and friends? They don't believe it will do any good. Do you know why many Christians will not stand on a street corner with a Scripture sign in their hands? They don't believe it will do any good... they're unbelieving!

The Lord is not looking for someone who will critique what He said, He's looking for someone who'll do what He said! The Lord's not looking for someone who will give their opinion about what He said, He's looking for someone who'll do what He said! Whether you believe or not... has no bearing on the fact that Jesus told us to go preach! Jesus Christ commands faithless, unbelieving men to go into all the world and preach the Gospel!

But there's yet another reason for this lack of obedience to God's commands. This reason is found in *Mark 16:14, Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was*

risen. The number one reason why Christians don't obey this command to evangelize is simply because they just don't care if people die and go to Hell!

You can dress this truth up anyway you want to and try to justify it, but it is still the ugly truth. The main reason people don't do what Jesus said is the FACT that they just don't care enough about a lost soul to motivate them to evangelize.

Paul said that in the perilous last days that men would be lovers of their own selves, and you can rest assured that modern Christianity is following the Devil, because modern Christians are only concerned with pleasing themselves. Why? Because in reality modern Christians only love themselves! The reason that 9 out of 10 professing Christians cannot give you the definition of grace is because they don't have any grace in their hearts! The reason that every perversion of the bible removes the word "*charity*" and replaces it with the word "*love*" is very telling of our spiritual condition in these perilous last days! Today's Christianity is me first... you last! Today's Christianity is nothing more than "*looking out for number one*", and this meaningless brand of vain Christianity is unknown to the New Testament. The problem is that our hearts have waxed so stone cold that we couldn't care less about anyone else's salvation.

We all like to fancy ourselves to be a Paul Christian, but a Paul Christian would have a heart toward the unsaved that'd say: "**For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ... for my kinsmen according to the flesh.**" We are so far past that point now that there may be no turning back, but listen: Jesus Christ commanded those with a hard-hearts to go preach the Gospel!

Christians, if you would ever just proceed ahead with step number one our lives and our churches would be transformed immediately! But it seems that we've decided that the best offense is a good defense because truth be told, the majority are not GOING!

The modern idea of evangelism is foreign to the Bible. The modern church says:

- We should build the most expensive, elaborate buildings and fill them with all the things of the world in order to attract the unsaved.
- Once we get them in the door, we then curtail the music to their liking
- the prayers to their liking... the teaching to their liking... and the message to their liking.
- We don't want to talk about Hell... because that'll only drive lost people from the church
- We don't want to talk about sin... because that'll only drive lost people from the church
- We don't want to talk about holiness... because that'll only drive lost people from the church
- And so in reality... we are kicking out, God and the Bible in order to quote-unquote "*reach the lost*" and be "seeker sensitive".

This modern philosophy of church growth is carnal at best, satanic at worst. Listen: We are not to build bigger and better in order to attract the unsaved to ourselves; our commission is to "*go*"!

We are not to make the church look like the world in order to attract the unsaved to ourselves; our commission is to "*go*"!

Here is something that might be a little shocking so hold onto your pew! Did you know that you that you don't have to be in a church building to get saved? In fact, God's plan of salvation... is not to draw the world into the church, but that the church should go into the world.

Listen to what John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist, Nazarene and Wesleyan churches, said about the first time he street preached:

"I could scarcely reconcile myself at first to this strange way of preaching in the fields, of which Whitefield set me an example on Sunday; having been all my life so tenacious of every point

relating to decency and order, that I should have thought the saving of souls almost a sin, if it had not been done in a church.”

That is the way most Christians view public ministry but after Wesley got a taste of actually doing it God’s way , here is what he said:

“I love a commodious room, a soft cushion and a handsome pulpit, but field preaching saves souls.”

Jesus said: **“Go ye into all the WORLD...”** and at that... John Wesley exclaimed: **“The WORLD is my parish!”**

You see, we can’t wait for the lost to come to us, we are commanded to go to the lost! Sydney Hunter said of Peter, Paul, Stephen, John Wesley and George Whitefield:

“They didn’t wait for the people to come to them; they went where the people were and preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The man on the street heard the Gospel whether he received it or not. The results were always the same. Some were indifferent, some became angry, but, praise God, some believed and were saved. As a result, the open air preacher was loved by some, hated by others, but heard by all.”

Once again, you are commanded to **“Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel...”**