

Sermon ~ Sunday, January 30, 2022, by Pastor Dwight Benoit

Text: Mark 16: 15

Title: "CHURCH, what *must* we do?"

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

Two other **SCRIPTURES** helps us to see the importance of this text and to answer, the challenging question of our subject matter: "CHURCH, what *must* we do?"

The *first*, Romans 1: 28-32 [Amplified Bible Translation]

"And since they did not see fit to acknowledge **GOD** or consider **HIM** worth knowing [as their **CREATOR**], **GOD** gave them over to a depraved mind, to do things which are improper *and* repulsive.

-Until they were filled (permeated, saturated) with every kind of unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil, full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice *and* mean spiritedness. They are gossips [spreading rumors].

-Slanderers, haters of **GOD**, insolent [showing a rude and arrogant lack of respect], boastful, inventors [of new forms, counterfeits, copy-cats] of evil, disobedient and disrespectful to parents,

-Without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful [without pity].

-Although they know **GOD'S** righteous decree *and* **HIS** judgment, that those who do such things deserve death, yet they not only do them, but they even [enthusiastically] approve *and* tolerate others who practice them."

The *second*, II Timothy 3: 1-5 [Amplified Bible Translation]

"But understand this, that in the last days dangerous times [of great stress and trouble] will come [difficult days that will be hard to bear].

-For people will be lovers of self [narcissistic: vain obsession on self, egocentric, self-focused], lovers of money [impelled by greed], boastful, arrogant, revilers: those who say abusive and contemptuous, disrespectful, insulting things to others, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, *and* profane [ungodly and irreverent],

- [and they will be] unloving and unforgiving [devoid of natural human affection, hard-hearted, irreconcilable, calloused and inhumane], malicious gossips, devoid of spirit-control, brutal, haters of good,

-Traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of [sensual] pleasures rather than lovers of **GOD**,

-Holding to a form of [outward] godliness (religion vs **CHRIST**-in-you showing **CHRISTianity outside of you**), although they have denied **HIS** power [for their conduct mollifies their claim of Faith in **HIM**]. Avoid such people *and* keep far away from them."

"CHURCH, what *must* we do?"

JESUS gives us 3 principles of command, of what we *must* do in times like these...

1. The Principle of Action. "Go ye..."

To "go" means from this point on, set out, depart, pursue on your journey(s).

“Go” with *purpose*. **JESUS** says, in every situation in life... “Go with *purpose*...”

Don’t let your *Prayers* or *Bible studies* or *Preparations* on how to get, to give, be a substitute for this Command Principle of Action, of preaching **The Gospel of JESUS CHRIST**, to every creature.

“Go,” where people are, recognize *the opportunities* where we go everyday: home, neighborhood, social event, doctors’ office, 8th aisle of HEB... Our **LORD of Life, The Commander in Chief of The Church**, says to every believer, “Go!”

There is no “substitute.” No “shortcut.” No streamlined method to save others! We *must* be willing to “Go with *purpose*” doing our LORD’S Will!

2. The Principle of Saturation. Noted in **JESUS WORD’S** “into all the world” and “to every creature.” Saturate, adjective, meaning *thoroughly soaked*.

Wet, through and through. So wet that you drip and wet others.

Preaching **The Gospel** with every available person, at every time by every available means.

No matter who: race, culture, nationality, religion. “**GOD** is no respecter of persons.”

This Principle of Saturation is ignited by Acts 1: 8, “**But you will receive power and ability when The HOLY GHOST is come upon you: and you will be MY witness [to tell people about ME] both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.**”

[From the **Cross of JESUS on Calvary to the Grave where sin debt of Death was buried, to the Resurrection of Everlasting Life and Relationship with GOD through JESUS CHRIST, is established, to Birth into The Church of GOD, that ushers in The KINGdom of Heaven, here on earth, in the hearts and minds of All who would believe and receive JESUS as GOD!**

3. The Principle of Proclamation. **JESUS** said, “Go . . . and preach The Gospel.”

This means “*share JESUS both personally and publicly. Share JESUS with two, ten or thousands; it means to share JESUS with individuals. Remember, “anything multiplied by 1 is itself!”*”

[$1 \times 1 = 1$, but, $1 \times 2 = 2$; $1 \times 3 = 3$... it does not matter which order your numbers are, $4 \times 1 = 4$ and $10 \times 1 = 10$..

The Principle of Proclamation is to “share **JESUS** with someone else!