

BEGINNING ANEW IN WITNESSING!

Acts 1:1-10

INTRODUCTION: Today we will be talking about beginning anew in witnessing. Here are the last words our Lord Jesus spoke on this earth before He ascended back to the right hand of the Father: Acts 1:8. We are still called today to get the good news about our Lord and Savior around this world! We are to be God's messengers of His good news to this world! In our witnessing we must not get discouraged; sometimes it takes a while before the Lord moves in people's hearts.

I. WITNESS IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Please remember we cannot win souls on our own. It is God's Holy Spirit that convicts of sin, not us: Acts 1:8. If you have received Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior you have the Holy Spirit within you: 1 Corinthians 12:13; Romans 8:9. Our Lord didn't just come into our lives to hang out; He wants to live in us so He can work through us to tell others about Jesus! Acts 1:8: Our Lord fills us so we can have His power so He can use us for His glory: Acts 4:31. The Holy Spirit will take our words spoken in the power of the Holy Spirit and use them in that person's heart to save them: John 16:7-11. One of these days each of us will stand eye ball to eye ball with our God for judgment. It is the Holy Spirit that convicts sinners of their sin and a coming judgment: Titus 3:5-7.

II WE NEED TO EMPHASIZE THE PERSON OF THE SON!

When we witness we need to focus on Jesus Christ! Acts 1:8; Acts 8:35; Psalm 107:1-2. We need to brag on our Lord: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8. Jesus was crucified for our sins. He arose from the dead according to the Scriptures. If we don't share these truths we have not shared the good news of Christ.

III. USE THE PATTERN OF SCRIPTURE!

Please notice the pattern of Scripture: Acts 1:8. We are to witness to the people closest to us: our families; our co-workers; our classmates; our neighbors. Yes, it is hard to witness to family but if we don't who will? Acts 20:20: Then we witness to our area that surrounds us: Burt, Saginaw, Montrose, Chesaning, Saginaw and Flint counties. We witness across cultural and racial boundaries: to black people to Hispanic peoples. Then to people across the world as we help send out missionaries to nations around the world. The Christians life is about sharing the good news to win souls for our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:23-32.

Dave all verses are from the NIV

Key verse: Acts 1:8

Songs:

307 And Can It Be That I Should Gain

264 Nothing But the Blood

309 Redeemed

Wednesday night message: Connecting the Dots.

Next Sunday morning message: Loving As God Loves!

Thank you again Dave for your faithful service to our Lord and His church!