

## WHY CHRISTIANS ARE LEFT IN THE WORLD 94

TEXT: Jn. 17:13-18.

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. This is the famous prayer of Jesus.
- B. This prayer was for His disciples and "For all who will believe in Jesus through their word."
- C. Thus it was for us.
- D. Why are Christians left in the World and not taken straight to heaven? **15 "I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.**

### BODY:

I. TO GROW SPIRITUALLY. 2 Pet. 3:18. **but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.**

A. We grow by studying God's word.

- 1. 2 Tim. 2:15. "Study to show thyself . . ."
- 2. 1 Pet. 2:2. **"as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,**

B. By the trials we go through.

C. By fellowshiping other Christians.

- 1. Heb. 10:24-25 some never attend, don't consider importance.
- 2. 2 Thess. 1:3.
- 3. Some never grow.
  - a. 1 Cor. 3:1-2.
  - b. Heb. 5:12-14.

II. TO CONTEND FOR THE FAITH--JUDE 3.

A. We still need to tell the world that sin is destructive.

1. Rom. 6:23 **For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

2. 2 Pet. 2:13a **“and will receive the wages of unrighteousness,”**

3. Tyrant told blacksmith to make a chain, to make it longer then bound him and throw him in a pit. Satan works same way, each sin is a link in the chain that binds you in hell.

B. We still need to tell the world that the Bible is inspired 2 Tim. 3:16-17 **All scripture is. . .**

C. We still need to tell the world that the blood of Jesus cleanses us from sin.

1. Song- Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2. Col. 1:13-14.

3. Rev. 5:9.

D. We still need to answer the question "What must I do to be saved?"

1. Eph. 2:8-10.

2. Mk. 16:16.

3. To discuss the church that Jesus built- Eph. 5:25 **Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,**

III. TO ENCOURAGE OTHER CHRISTIANS.

A. We do this by loving them- Jn. 13:34-35.

1. Heb. 10:24 **And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works**

2. Jn. 15:13 **Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.**

3. 1 Jn. 3:16 **By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren..**

B. By bearing each other's burdens- Gal. 6:2.

C. By exhorting each other.

1. Heb. 10:25.
2. Heb. 3:13. **but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.**
3. We need this in a day when we are full of lukewarmness.

#### IV. TO WIN OTHERS TO THE LORD.

A. Told to preach the gospel.

1. 2 Tim. 4:2-3.
2. Mk. 16:15, 16.
3. Mk. 5: 18-20.

B. We save ourselves when we save others. ILL. Men traveling in mountains when a blizzard came upon them. They found another man near death, one when on the other helped him he carried him on his back, the heat of the other man saved him and they soon came upon the man who went on frozen to death.

C. "You never mentioned Him to me"

#### V. TO HAVE AN INFLUENCE ON THE WORLD.

A. We are to be salt and light- Matt. 5:13-16.

B. If the world is this bad with the influence of Christianity, what would it be without us?

C. We don't have to be in your face about it.

1. Be the kind of neighbor you should be.
2. Be the kind of husband/wife you should be.
3. Be the kind of mother/father you should be.
4. Be the kind of employer/employee you should be.

D. Vote this coming Tuesday for the right kind of people.

1. Not a one issue person but I will not vote for anyone who gives a woman the right to kill her baby.
2. Will not vote for anyone who gives homosexual's rights.

CONCLUSION:

- A. These are just five, many more reasons.
- B. Why are sinners left in the world? 2 Pet. 3:9 **The Lord is not slack concerning...**
- C. Rom. 2:4. **Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?**