

## Helping the World See JESUS

The Bible presents Jesus as the King of kings and the Lord of lords. He characterized His mission by saying, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). The world greatly needs to see Jesus, and to be obedient to His teachings. This not optional but essential to one's enjoying life on this earth and having eternal life in heaven.

The Greeks desired to see Jesus (John 12:20-21). Nicodemus came to Jesus by night (John 3:1-2). Zacchaeus even climbed up into a tree in order to see Jesus (Luke 19:2-4). The world urgently needs to see Jesus. But how? Here are three ways.

First, we can see Jesus through the written word. John concluded his gospel by saying that those things were written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (John 20:30-31). Christ is not only the mediator of the New Testament (Hebrews 9:15), but all Scripture also is given by inspiration of God (2 Timothy 3:16). The gospel is the power of God to save, and it is that by which we will one day be judged (Romans 1:16; John 12:48).

Second, the world can see Jesus through the spoken word. The preaching of the truth is the means by which God has chosen to save men (1 Corinthians 1:21). The gospel was preached at Corinth, and preachers today are charged with the responsibility to "preach the word" (1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 2 Timothy 4:1-2).

Third, the world can see Jesus through the lives of Christians. Paul mentioned the fact that Christians are living epistles — letters — and that they are "known and read of all men" (2 Corinthians 3:2). Christ lives in the life of every faithful Christian (Galatians 2:20). By living a godly life, Jesus is magnified and God is glorified (Matthew 5:16; Galatians 1:24).

One of our most solemn tasks is to help the world see Jesus!

- Kelby Smith (*House to House*)

## DESTINED FOR GREATNESS

It was built for the International Exposition in the 19th Century. The structure was deemed monstrous by the city fathers, who demanded it be torn down as soon as the Exposition was over.

The architect who designed the structure took special pride in it and defended it from those who called for its destruction. He knew it was destined for greatness.

Today it is one of the architectural wonders of the modern world. It stands as the primary landmark of Paris, France. The architect was Alexandre Gustave Eiffel. We're speaking of the famous tower that still stands even though built in 1889.



In the same way, we are awestruck with Jesus' loyalty to another structure; the church, which He entrusted to an unlikely band of disciples, whom He defended, prayed for, and prepared to spread the Gospel.

To outsiders, the church may appear insignificant, but Jesus, the architect of the church, knows this structure is destined for Heaven when He returns — and He is counting on us, the church, to carry out His mission.

- Author Unknown (*Lifelines*, Bella Vista Church of Christ, Bentonville, AR) -

What we do and what we say advertises what we are.

## News & Notes

**SYMPATHY:** To Jenny Rhodes & family at the passing of her father-in-law, Tommy Rhodes in Texas. Remember this family in prayer at this time of sorrow.

**NEW CONVERT CLASS:** Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 406. This class is for those who were baptized in the last three years.

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All the ladies are invited and urged to help in this good work.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES:** Each Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m. Men are urged to attend this good class.

**HOUSE TO HOUSE RECOGNITION:** Our congregation has been recognized for being in the top 12% in 2017 for *House to House* circulation (17,784 copies) of over 1,500 congregations involved nationwide.

**GET BETTER ACQUAINTED:** Our Elders and Minister want to get to know the members of this congregation better by voluntary home visits or at a scheduled time here at the building. A sign-up sheet is on the desk in the foyer.

**PLANNING SESSION:** Sunday, Feb. 18th at 4:00 p.m. to discuss plans for our Ladies Day. Ladies your participation and prayers are welcomed.

**ANNUAL SPRING SING:** Sunday, Mar. 4th, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. at Beaver Street in Lisbon, OH. Our covered dish dinner and early afternoon service has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 11th.

**PANTRY:** Canned fruit.

**REMEMBER WITH PRAYERS & CARDS:** **Alex Harless**, (granddaughter of Charlie & Barb Delong; 24 years old with cancer), 108 Eleanor St., Mingo Junction, OH 43938. **Sharon Pugh** (Charles' wife), 1601 - 31st Street, Vienna, WV 26105. Sharon had recent cancer surgery. **Dan Shroades, Jr.** (needs kidney transplant), 1113 Skyline Drive, Tocco, Ga 30577. Dan is Pat Allison's cousin.

**SICK & SHUT-IN:** **Warner Haught** (Skip's dad), *Weirton Medical Center*; **Mary Jane Bowers**, *Trinity West*, Steubenville, OH. **At Home:** Tim Adkins, Carolyn Pallard, David Stefl, Bill & Carol Stillwell, Russell Martin, Linda Wiersbicki, Fred Larrimore, Blondenia Orr, Betty Henthorne, Doris Dunham. **FOX NURSING HOME:** Mary Nelson. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller, Jim Mick. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Ella Beagle. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

### Master, The Tempest Is Raging

*What is your tempest?*

- Sickness
- Death
- Job loss
- Financial problems
- Sin and worldly cares
- Worldly pleasures
- Family concerns

*"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" - Matthew 11:28.*

*"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." - 1 Peter 5:7.*

### From the Past

"... the moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws ... All miseries and evils which men suffer from vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible."

Noah Webster (1758-1843), Author,  
*American Dictionary of the English Language*

