

## A SOUL WINNING CHURCH

**TEXT:**        ***Acts 2:47: Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.***



The church of first century is a model in her life and activity of what God would have the church of the 20<sup>th</sup> century to be. It did not have to work up a revival or pull or pray one down. It was a continuous revival. In these days, we think a revival is an abnormal condition, and after revival closes we gradually lapse into the former state which is a backslidden state.

**If we are to have a continuous revival, we must meet conditions and pay the price of separation and consecration for a spirit filled life.** We need to know and feel our first love to Christ Jesus and know daily the Saving Power of Jesus. We cannot bring others to Christ unless we are near Him ourselves.

Knowledge of sins forgiven and deliverance from the power of sin in sanctification keeps the fire burning. If we are not being delivered daily while living in this body of flesh from carnal mind, we cannot expect to be delivered when dying.

**We are to absolutely surrender our wills and purposes to the Will of and purposes of Christ.**

***Luke 6:46: And why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?***

What right have we to call ourselves Christians and followers of Christ when we have our own will and purposes which are contrary to Him? What was the purpose and Will of Christ? It is summed up in these words.

**John 6:38:** For I came down from Heaven, not to do Mine Own Will, but **the Will of Him that sent Me.**

**Luke 19:10:** *For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

**A soul winning church must be clean without and within.** If a man purges himself, he shall be a vessel of honor and sanctified.

**2 Peter 2:21:** *For it had been better for them not to have known the way of Righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the Holy Commandment delivered unto them.*

If we are to be used of God we must be clean.

**A soul winning church is awakened to a sense that men and women are lost:**

**Acts 20:31:** *Therefore watch, and remember...I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.*

If there is no hell, why is Paul weeping? If men are not eternally lost without Christ, what is the use of warning?

**If our church is to be a soul winning church we must be baptized with the love of Christ.** Nothing is more constraining like *the love of Christ*, fervent charity out of a pure heart.

**1 Peter 1:1-25:** *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,*

**<sup>2</sup> Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the Blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.**



***3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,***

***4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in Heaven for you,***

***5 Who are kept by the Power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.***

***6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:***

***7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:***

***8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:***

***9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.***

***10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:***

***11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.***

***12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the Gospel unto you with the Holy Spirit sent down from Heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.***



***13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the Revelation of Jesus Christ;***

***14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:***

***15 But as He Who hath called you is Holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;***

***16 Because it is written, "Be ye holy; for I am Holy."***

***17 And if ye call on the Father, Who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:***

***18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;***

***19 But with the precious Blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:***

***20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,***

***21 Who by Him do believe in God, that raised Him up from the dead, and gave Him Glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.***



***22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:***

***23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.***

***24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:***

***25 But the Word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the Word which by the Gospel is preached unto you.***

***Revelation 2:5: Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee***

***quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.***

***Romans 9:3: For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:***

**If our church is to be a soul winning church we must work daily for Christ.**

***Acts 2:47b: . . . the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.***

***Ephesians 6:15: And your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace;***



**Soul winning church must know its Bible** to show them their need of a Saviour - how Jesus can be their very own.

***John 1:12: But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name:***

**A soul winning church must be a praying church.** God honors prayer. If a church is to bring men to Christ she must travail as in birth until Christ be formed in them.

Pray God sends home arrows of conviction through the Word of God. Holy Spirit witnessing and praying brings souls to deliverance.

**A soul winning church  
needs the Baptism of the Spirit  
and fire.**



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