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Be A Soul Winner For Jesus

The term soul-winner is used metaphorically for evangelism. Therefore, to be a soul-winner simply refers to teaching others the good news about Jesus Christ.

In 1 Corinthians 9:22, the apostle Paul declared, “...*I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.*” Now, I ask, based on that statement, what do you think Paul’s focus was upon? Well, from this statement we can see that Paul was focused upon being a soul-winner for Jesus Christ. You see, the apostle Paul was certainly a great example of one who was a soul-winner for Jesus, and like the apostle Paul, we all need to strive to be soul-winners for Jesus. Knowing that, let’s take a look at a few reasons for why we should all be soul-winners for Jesus.

Be A Soul Winner For Jesus Because The Scriptures Emphasize Evangelism.

Jesus, speaking to His apostles said, “*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...*”(Matthew 28:19-20). Now, just as the apostles of Christ were to go and make disciples of all nations teaching them to observe all things that Christ had commanded, we too need to likewise do the same. So, let’s teach others the gospel of Christ, for as Paul writes in 2 Timothy 2:24, one of the qualities of a servant of the Lord is they must be able to teach. Therefore, let’s all be soul-winners for Jesus by teaching the good news of Jesus Christ to others, and let’s always be busy doing so.

Be A Soul Winner For Jesus Because The World Is Full of Sin-Sick Souls.

In Romans 3:23, Paul penned, “*for all have sinned and fall short of the*

glory of God.” You see, there are still many in the world today who have never heard and obeyed the gospel of Christ. Therefore, there are many sin-sick souls around us today who are in need of hearing the soul-saving gospel of Jesus Christ (Romans 1:16). In Mark 2:17, Jesus said, “*Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.*” Brethren, keep those words of Jesus in mind, and spread the gospel of Christ to those around you, who are in need of it.

Be A Soul Winner For Jesus Because God Desires For All Men To Be Saved.

Another reason for why we all should be soul-winners for Jesus is because of the fact that God desires for all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of truth (1 Timothy 2:4). Now, the question is, how can someone be saved, and come to the knowledge of truth, unless they have heard and been taught the truth? The answer to this question is, they can’t. Which again, denotes the importance of teaching the gospel of Christ to others, and for being a soul-winner for Jesus.

Be A Soul Winner For Jesus Because He Died For Our Sins.

In Matthew 18:11 Jesus said, “*For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.*” You see, Jesus Christ willingly came to this earth, lived a sinless life, and died upon the cross at Calvary for our sins (1 Corinthians 15:3). Why? Well, He did so, so that we could be saved from our sins, and have the hope of eternal life. In Hebrews 9:28 the Hebrew writer revealed, “*so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.*” Remember that my beloved brethren, and use this truth as motivation to be a soul-winner for Jesus.

Be A Soul-Winner For Jesus Because He Who Wins Souls Is Wise.

The wise man wrote, “*The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise* (Proverbs 11:30). Here, the wise man specifically points out that he who wins souls is wise. Now, as you think about that, I ask, are you doing your part in spreading the gospel of Christ to others, and considered as one who is wise? Are you? If not, you are encouraged to start doing so now. For, as we have learned there are many in the world who need to hear the gospel, and the Scriptures put emphasis on teaching the gospel to others. Therefore, be a soul-winner for Jesus, and be one who is considered as wise.

Brethren, these are just a few reasons for why we all need to be soul-winners for Jesus, and my prayer is that we all will engage in doing just that.

✍️ Brad Phillips

Heaven & Hell: Most Believe, But Few Think They Will Go to Hell

The Gallup pollsters regularly conduct surveys about the religious beliefs of people in America. Some of the most interesting statistics have to do with the views of people regarding heaven and hell. Typical results are like these from a previous survey:

- Believe in heaven----- 78%
- Among those who believe in heaven, the percent that think they have a fair, good, or excellent chance of going there----- 94%
- Believe in hell----- 60%
- Among those who believe in hell, the percent that think they might go there:
 - probably will go----- 4%
 - uncertain ----- 19 %
 - little chance of going----- 77%

These numbers are particularly interesting when viewed in light of what the Bible clearly teaches. Jesus said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:13,14).

It is not difficult to see why so few are really committed to a diligent pursuit of Christianity - they simply don't believe they need it - they're going to heaven anyway! It's time people began to wake up and realize that they are lost and doomed to hell unless they obey the Lord!

✍ Greg Gwin

God's Plan of Salvation

Hear the word of God. (Romans 10:17)

Believe in Jesus Christ. (John 8:24)

Repent of your sins. (Acts 17:30)

Confess Jesus Christ. (Romans 10:9-10)

Be baptized for the remission of sins. (Acts 2:38)

Remain faithful unto death. (Revelation 2:10)

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek" (Romans 1:16).

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

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