

## Reaching out

**Matthew 28:18-20** <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in<sup>[a]</sup> the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." "

**Mark 16:18-20** <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. <sup>16</sup> Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup> And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup> they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well." "

## Introduction

Everyone in this meeting has a Divine call, a Divine instruction or command to reach out to those who are lost. How we fall short of His calling, either through ignorance, laziness or just because we do not care!

All around you are people wanting, waiting for someone to tell them there is hope and His Name is Jesus Christ. Every person on this planet deserves the chance to hear about Jesus Christ and then make a choice, either for or against Jesus Christ.

The world need you to share the Gospel, your family needs the Gospel, your friends and co workers need to hear the Gospel. Everyone no matter who, or how bad we think, or how undeserving they are, everyone need to have a chance to either choose or reject Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

I believe the reason why many Christians are not reaching out to the lost is because:

- They do not realise that Hell is a real place,
- We do not realise how bad Hell really is?
- We do not realise our un-reach family and friends are heading there right now!
- We do not realise that God expects each of us to bring the Good news to the lost!

## Plea from the Gave

### Hell is a real place

Hell is a real place! Just like we are here in this place which is real and we can touch, feel and experience. So Hell is real and everyone who has ever gone there are sorry they did not believe in Hell.

Everyday thousands of people throughout the world die and go to a Christ less eternity, without ever hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ preached to them.

They go to a place of eternal torment, eternal pain and punishment. Never ending, never stopping for one second. All they have to look forward to is more pain and suffering forever and ever!

### **How bad is Hell**

Jesus Christ spoke a lot about Hell and through His descriptions we can know for certain, Hell is a place that no one wants to go to or be in.

**Mark 9:43-48** *"And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."*

### **Explain Gehenna and the rubbish dump outside Jerusalem**

Hell is so bad that even the worst person you can imagine does not deserve to go to Hell. According to the bible in **Matthew 25:41**, that is true because it says that Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels, not man! Man goes there by his/her choice or lack of choice.

We need to realise today! Hell and Heaven are real places, but without accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, every one of us who have not accepted Jesus Christ as our Saviour will go there.

We can try and explain it away! We can try and make jokes about it or say Hell does not exist. You can even say, hey this Pastor does not know what he is talking about! The fact is that it does exist and every second people all around the world who did not believe in Jesus Christ are going there!

### **All who do not accept Jesus Christ will go there!**

God is a just God, He loves us with an Everlasting, un-diminishing love. His love never cools or grows cold towards us. He loves you and me beyond anything we can imagine, He loves us more than any other person can love us.

In fact take all the people you know, add ten zeros and all their love put together can never even come close to how much God loves you.

But just as God loves you so very, very much, He is just and in His presence no sin can exist. In fact if Jesus Christ said, okay I take all your sin away, NOW! And in a minute I will bring you into the presence of God. If we by accident commit a sin we would be disqualified to enter God's presence!

This is the reason why God sent Jesus Christ to earth to die for your and my sins, so that He could remove the stain of sin from your and my life forever!

This is the Good News! This is why Jesus Christ came to earth and this is why we must be saved!

We must ACCEPT JESUS CHRST as our Lord and Saviour! We must accept that Jesus Christ paid the price for all our sin and we must put our trust not in our own works but in the FINNISHED work of the cross!

Every person MUST do this; each of us must have the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To hear what God is offering us, so that we can make a choice to make the Devine exchange – we accept Jesus Christ as God Son, we choose to believe that His Death on the Cross of Calvary paid the FULL price for all our sins and we believe that God raise Him from the Dead and that Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand of God! Right Now!

If we do not do this, if we chose to try another way! If we choose to reject God's plan or reject Him altogether or even refuse to choose, we will not go to heaven and all we have ahead of us is Hell and a Christ less eternity!

### **Bring the Good news to the lost!**

I have told you all about Hell and a Christ less eternity for one reason only, to motivate you to get your own life sorted out and once you have done that to become a witness to your family, friends and even strangers about the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

The bible says in **Romans 10:13-15** *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"*

How can anyone call on the Name of the Lord if they have not heard? God is asking you and me to go and tell people about Him and His saving Grace! To get people to realise that they are sinners and that they need a Saviour! They need to call on His Name, *"For there is no other Name by which people might be saved!"* **Acts 4:12** - the Name of Jesus Christ

We need to go out into the streets, the market places, the churches, communities, villages – wherever there are people and proclaim Jesus Christ – Declare the Gospel of Peace and bring glad tiding to the people that Jesus Christ SAVES!

We must give as many people possible the chance to receive Jesus Christ or reject Him! But nothing will happen unless we go, we must make the effort. Maybe we might need to pay the cost financially or be laughed at by people, but Go!

**Closing**

Please Go, I am begging you! There are millions of people right here in Malawi that are dying and going to a place of eternal condemnation that God never intended for them to go to. There are people waiting just for you to come to them!

Many who have died, chose not to serve God but many have gone there because nobody told them! Chose today to go and tell about the wondrous Saviour Jesus Christ!

Will you take a stand and go out and share Jesus Christ to as many people as you possibly can? Will you pay the price? Will you allow God to use you?

You do not need any special training, Billy Grame said sharing the Good news is like one beggar telling another beggar where to find some bread! You have your own personal testimony, to tell, how you got saved and people want to hear how you got saved!

Before I pray for those who want to make this commitment to go as Jesus Christ instructed, I know there are people here who realise they are not saved and they need to accept Jesus Christ, so I want you to raise your hands so that we can lead you in a prayer of Salvation!

Who want to respond to this message who want to make a commitment and say Yes Lord send me! Here I am!!!