

Embrace Christ's Passion and The Holy Spirit's Impact



**John 4:28-35, Matthew 28:18-
20, 9:36-38**

- God is sounding the alarm for His church (the body of Christ), to arise up and reach out to our world that is entrenched in darkness.

A. What is the Biblical definition of the word “arise”

- The word “arise” means to rise, to stand up, to be stirred up, to awake, to be in a state of readiness or to prepare for action (call to service).
- It is synonymous to the word to proceed, to come forth, to follow, to spring forward, to soar, to emerge, to grow, to come to light, and to develop.
- The word “arise” can also mean or indicate new seasons, increase, overflow, enlargement or expansion of territory. (Joshua 1:1-9)
- Purpose: to teach us the significance of embracing Jesus Christ’s teaching and following His example as true disciples.
- Goal: for every person to make Jesus Christ clear and visible to the world around them.
- The Spiritual Principles: Stewardship, Authority, Obedience, Unconditional Love, Agreement, Faith, Grace

Embrace Christ’s Passion and The Holy Spirit’s Impact Matthew 28:18-20, 9:37-38

- In the Gospel of Matthew, this great passage known as the Great Commission that Jesus Christ gives to His eleven disciples and every true believer that believe on His name. (Matthew 28:18-20, 9:37-38)
- A. Jesus instructs them to meet Him in Galilee which was one of the largest Roman districts of Palestine and the primary place where Jesus conducted most of His ministry. There in Galilee, the place where Jesus will give His last command to His disciples:**
1. Jesus assures His disciples of His authority and power. (vs. 18)
 - a. Jesus is our Chief and Commander with “all” authority over heaven and earth.

- Jesus declares to His disciples that “all” authority and power was given to Him by God.
 - Jesus’ authority and power refers to His rule and reign.
 - Jesus’ authority and power are a reminder of His Sovereign Rule.
 - Jesus conquered and proclaimed victory over death, hell and the grave.
2. Jesus issued His disciples the Great Commission. (vs. 19)
 - Jesus commissioned His disciples and all His followers to do three things. Notice this is a command and not a suggestion.
 - 1) To Go and make Disciples.
 - 2) To baptize them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.
 - 3) To teach them to observe and obey the commandments of Christ.
 - Jesus knew that many would come into His kingdom and the disciples would need others to help in this process of discipleship.
 1. True discipleship is bringing a person from spiritual infancy (immaturity) to spiritual maturity.
 2. God requires every true follower of Jesus Christ and the local church to take responsibility in the process of making disciples of Jesus Christ.
 - Evangelism alone is not the commission.
 - Because after you win them to Jesus Christ, they must be brought to a local church where (3) three things can happen:
 - 1) They can be discipled.
 - 2) They can be equipped with the Word of God.
 - 3) They can experience true fellowship with fellow believers.
 - To make disciples we cannot remain in our holy huddle, but to take our witness to the world and share the gospel.
 3. Jesus assures His disciples of His promise. (vs. 20)
 - “and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (vs. 20)
 - a. He is called “Immanuel” – God with us. (Matthew 1:23)
 - b. He is with us through the presence and power of His Holy Spirit. (John 14:16-17)
 - c. He is with us in every stormy flood that tries to overwhelm us, and every fiery trial that tries to consume us. (Isaiah 43:1-2, Romans 8:35-39)

d. He is with us always. There is not one moment when Christ is not with us whether in suffering, rejection, persecution or even death. (Hebrews 13:5-6)

B. Jesus knew we needed help in order to be Effective Witnesses. (Acts 1:8)

1. Jesus knew that just because things are challenging, doesn't make it impossible. (Matthew 19:16-26)

2. Jesus knew that it would be impossible for His disciples to "follow Him" and to function in a world that was plagued with sin and darkness without a Helper (The Holy Spirit). (John 16:1-7, 14:12-16, 26-27)

3. Jesus knew it would be impossible to follow Him and fulfill His purpose without a supernatural power that was greater than ourselves (natural abilities). (2 Corinthians 4:7)

4. Jesus knew that every believer needed to be filled daily with a fresh refilling of His precious Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 5:14-18)

5. Jesus knew that every believer needed to be led by the Holy Spirit. (John 16:13, Romans 8:14)

6. Jesus knew that it would be impossible for believers to walk in the newness of life without the Holy Spirit. (Titus 3:5, Romans 6:4, Galatians 2:20, 5:16-17)

7. Jesus knew that it would be impossible for believers to witness without the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through our lives. (Acts 1:8)

8. Jesus knew that it would be impossible for believers to keep His commandments (His Word), without the Holy Spirit. (John 14:26)

9. Jesus knew that it would be impossible for believers to produce fruit without the Holy Spirit (Christ's character traits).

C. We are Christ's witnesses but the Holy Spirit is the True Soul-winner.

• The Holy Spirit does the important work of conversion. (John 16:7-9)

1. God draws them. (John 6:44)

2. The Holy Spirit convicts and leads them to repent. (John 16:8)

3. Jesus Christ saves and delivers them. (Romans 10:9-10)

D. We are Christ's mouthpieces.

1. As Christ's witnesses, we share the truth of the gospel so people may respond to the work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration. (Titus 3:5, John 3:3:8, 1 Corinthians 6:11, John 6:63)
2. When it comes to our witness, remember our effectiveness is greatly diminished when we attempt to do the work of God without the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through our lives.
3. The motivation that we need to witness is Jesus Christ's love for us and our love for Him. (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)
 - (2 Corinthians 5:14-15) (KJV) – "For the love of Christ constrains us; because we judge thus; that if One died for all, then all died; ¹⁵and He died for all, that those who live should no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again."
 - a. The word "constrain" means to compel or force, to urge with irresistible power, or with power sufficient to produce the effect.
 - b. The word "constrain" can also mean to hold by force, to press, to confine or restrain from escape. It means to drive, push into motion or cause to move forward or urge onward.
 - The love of Christ should "compel" us. It is powerful enough to hold us together when everything around us is trying to pull us away from Him.
 - The love of Christ should also "propel" us forward from our comfort zone and into true witnesses for Jesus Christ.
 - The love of Christ should "compel and propel" us to witness to the world around us.
 - c. Apostle Paul tells us here in (verse 14-15), "What it was that gave him no choice and what forced him to act the way he did. It was the love of Christ that has the constraining or compelling power over his life."
 - Jesus Christ must be the center of everything that we do as believers. We must examine our hearts and motives. Three things we need to let happen.
 1. Let's allow the Holy Spirit to search our hearts and motives.
 2. Let's commit to seeking Him first and commit to His will fully.

3. Let our desire to witness be about serving Him and not impressing ourselves and others.

- **Has your heart become dull and no longer sensitive to the things that matter the most to Jesus Christ?**

1. The heart of the believer should reflect the Heart of the Good Shepherd – Jesus Christ. (Luke 15:4-5)

2. If we are going to obey Christ's commission, our passion must be His passion – our hearts' desire must be in alignment with His heart's desire.

3. The greatest joy for believers should be in what initiates joy and cheers in Heaven – the salvation of the lost sinner. (Luke 15:10)