

Marks of the Messenger

Knowing, Living and Speaking the
Gospel

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1. Rogers Question

Don't Peddle the Gospel

Common Questions

- What am I to do in life?
- What would Jesus do?
 - Doing equals actions....
- Are our Actions God's top desire for us?
- Who are we to be is the better question
- Not what would Jesus do but who would Jesus have us be

What Would Jesus Have Us Be?

- People of faith, having complete trust and faith in him and him alone

People of Faith

- Believe that Jesus died for us
 - Romans 5:7-8 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die-- but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
 - 1 Timothy 2:5-6 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

What Would Jesus Have Us Be?

- That we would become faithful Followers
 - Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.
 - Romans 6:16-18 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin have become slaves of righteousness.

Implications Of That

- Our works cannot save us but only by faith can we be saved
 - Titus 3:5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy
 - Eph. 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- In Evangelism, being obedient to share the Gospel should come after we faithfully believe in Christ, trusting in his works and following him in all of our lives
 - Prov. 3:5-6 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Simply “Doing” Evangelism

- Programs, Methods, Events, Promotion, Style
- Can become all about results
 - “Decisions” for Christ
 - “Conversions” to Christianity
 - “Prayers” of acceptance to Christ

Being a God Honoring Evangelist

- Living a Gospel Life
- Loving attitude toward the lost
- Complete, clear, & correct message
 - Without these we may lead others to a false god
- Substance & Authenticity over Style & Method
- Trusting God with results
 - “decisions”, “conversions” & “Prayers of Acceptance”
 - Mark 4:26-28
- Follow up with Discipling

Who Are We To Be?

- True Christ Followers First & Foremost
 - Believing in Jesus work on the cross
 - Faithfully trusting him & following him
- Faithful Messengers
 - Living the Gospel Daily
 - Lovingly sharing the message to the lost
 - Trusting God with the results