

MAY 21, 2017

Do we believe that God is truly sovereign, even over salvation? If we do, then it is God who is the soul winner. It is the Holy Spirit who brings new birth. It is Jesus Christ who died to save the world. So why is evangelism so very important? Christians are called (commanded) to be witnesses to the world by proclaiming this gospel of salvation. The proclamation of the gospel is the means through which the Holy Spirit brings repentance and faith in the lives of individuals. What can be more motivating for soul winning than to know that, through our faithful proclamation of the gospel, God is saving many people (Ephesians 1:4-5).



Possible causes of fear in relation to witnessing include shyness; past or perceived rejection or humiliation; an inability to articulate our personal testimony; a lack of knowledge of Scripture; a failure to trust in the Lord; and an ignorance of why men reject the gospel. Determining the actual cause of fear may be difficult, and understanding the reason may not dispel our fear. But we are commanded to be bold for Jesus (Ephesians 6:19), so we may simply have to persevere, one step at a time. In the meantime we can apply some basic principles and sharpen our skills, since fear can be overcome by preparation (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

If we are not walking with Christ, we will not be able to witness for Christ effectively, so we certainly need to be living a consistent, Christian life. "Let your light shine before men" (Matthew 5:16). We will explore the topic of fear in more depth next week.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jerry Rotruck - cancer / strength
 Sharon O'Toole - continued healing
 Kelly Walters - back
 Alisha Frey's baby, Ariana - pneumonia
 Dorene Kranik - pain
 Carla Darrell - lupus

*Remember to be faithful
 to your Missions pledge
 and Building fund pledge*

Meeting
NEXT WEEK

Teachers and Bus Captains

MUSIC PRACTICE

Sunday

Soldiers of the Cross 4:25 pm
 Choir 4:55 pm
 B.B.C. Singers 4:55 pm

Wednesday

Portrait of Grace after service
 King's Daughters after service
 Mixed Group after service

CALENDAR EVENTS

Shelby Ashby & Josh Patrick Wedding
 Friday, July 7, 2017
 4:30 PM

Harbor of Light Ladies Conference



Friday and Saturday
 August 25-26
 Mrs. Francie Taylor

Missions Conference



September 22-24
 Bro. Ken Fielder
WORLDVIEW
 MINISTRIES



Dr. Chuck Harding
 Awake America
 Sunday
 October 29

SCRIPTURE

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.
 Hebrews 6:10



Bible Baptist Academy
 Kindergarten Graduation

Wednesday, May 31st

Uriah Shriver