



“As Much As In Me Is”

John 4:35 “Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.”

I. THE PASSION OF A SOUL WINNER (ROMANS 1:13-15)

A. PAUL’S PASSION CAUSED HIM TO BE TOTALLY IMPARTIAL (1:14)

A soul winner is someone totally impartial as to who needs to be saved. Paul considered himself to be under a moral obligation to tell others about Jesus Christ. Paul thought it morally wrong to know how to be saved and not tell someone else.

1. HIS DESIRE WAS TO REACH ALL CULTURES (ROMANS 1:14)

Paul considered himself a debtor to both the Greek and the Barbarian. The Barbarians were those who did not speak Greek and considered the lower class.

2. HIS DESIRE WAS TO REACH ALL INTELLECTS (ROMANS 1:14)

Sometimes the more education you have, the harder it is to humble yourself. I Corinthians 1:26 gives us a list of the kinds of people that are not often called.

I Corinthians 1:26-27, “²⁶ For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: ²⁷ But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;”

II Timothy 3:7, “Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

B. PAUL’S PASSION CAUSED HIM TO BE TENACIOUSLY PREPARED (1:15)

I Peter 3:15, “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”

“A faith that cost you nothing accomplishes nothing.” – Paul Chappell

II. THE PERSUASION OF A SOUL WINNER (ROMANS 1:16)

A. PAUL WAS PERSUADED OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

I Corinthians 15:1-4, “¹ Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; ² By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. ³ For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; ⁴ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:”

John 8:12, “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

B. PAUL WAS PERSUADED OF THE GOSPEL’S POWER

I Corinthians 1:18, “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”

In Romans 1:16 we see the phrase, “To every one that believeth.” That word “believeth” means a belief in the content of the gospel; a belief in the person of the gospel; a trust or personal commitment to the extent of handing one’s entire trust over to Jesus Christ.

III. THE POSITION OF A SOUL WINNER (ROMANS 1:17)

A. GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS REVEALED IN THE GOSPEL (1:17; 3:23-25)

God set forth his Son to be a propitiation or “mercy seat”. In the Old Testament Aaron sprinkled the blood of animals on the mercy seat. In the New Testament Jesus sprinkled his own Blood on the mercy seat.

God is righteous. He can’t let a sinner off without having a way to punish sin. His way was Jesus Christ. And now that Jesus has shed His righteous blood for us, He can declare us righteous.

B. GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS IS RECEIVED BY FAITH (ROMANS 1:17)

CONCLUSION: What binds us as believers is doctrine. We are bound together by the belief in the doctrine of redemption; that because of the blood that was shed by Christ Jesus, God is just and righteous in letting the sinner off the hook. So our Biblical position moves us with passion.

If the doctrinal truths of God’s Word are important to you, then your heart and mind are knit to the cause of Christ, getting the gospel message out to those who need to know (Romans 1:14-15).

“As much as in you is,” is it for the gospel?
Do you have a desire for fruit? (Romans 1:16)