

“What Saith the Scripture?” Internet Broadcast

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We are pleased to tell you about a new internet broadcast entitled, “What Saith the Scripture?” The program is based on the apostle’s question, “...what saith the scripture?” (Romans 4:3; Galatians 4:30).

The Lord Appealed to the Scriptures. He asked the priests and elders, “Did ye never read in the scriptures...” (Matthew 21:42). In John 5:39 He said, “Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.” Again in John 7:38 He declared, “...as the scripture hath said...” When we pattern ourselves after the Master preacher and teacher, we will ask, “...what saith the scripture?”

New Testament Preachers Appealed to the Scriptures. Let me call your attention to a few examples:

Peter stood up and said, “...this scripture must needs have been fulfilled...” (Acts 1:16). His sermon on Pentecost, as recorded in Acts 2, is Scripture-filled.

Philip “...opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus” (Acts 8:35). This resulted in a man of Ethiopia confessing his faith in Christ and being baptized.

Paul, in a Thessalonian synagogue, “...rea-

soned with them out of the scriptures” (Acts 17:2). You have to be impressed with his repeated appeal to the Scriptures in teaching and preaching: “For the scripture saith...” (Romans 10:11), “...Wot ye not what the scripture saith...?” (Romans 11:2), “And the scripture...” (Galatians 3:8), “But the scripture hath concluded...” (Galatians 3:22), and on it goes.

Apollos “...mightily convinced the Jews, and that publickly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ” (Acts 18:28).

We Make Our Appeal to the Scriptures. We believe, as Paul affirmed, “...the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:15-17). Thus, we ask, “What saith the Scripture?”

We invite you to view the program on the YouTube channel:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/saiththescripture>

If you would like to be notified of future broadcasts, have a question or subject you would like for us to discuss on the broadcast, send us an email at:

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What Is Personal Evangelism?

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Evangelism is the personal responsibility of every Christian. We have been saved to save (1 Timothy 4:16), taught to teach (2 Timothy 2:2), and won to win (Proverbs 11:30). Personal evangelism is described different ways in the Scriptures. In this brief writing, we capture three snapshots of personal evangelism:

Personal Evangelism Is Sowing Seed. In the Parable of the Sower, the word of God is set forth as seed and the different soils represent the hearts of men and women (Luke 8:5-15). Since we do not know men's hearts, we must put the word in every heart possible, and pray the seed lodges in good soil and God will see fit to give "the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6). The Psalmist said, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126:6). As Haggai asked, "Is the seed yet in the barn?" (Haggai 2:19), we must get the seed out of the barn and into the soil!

Personal Evangelism Is Fishing for Men. As Peter and Andrew, two Bible fishermen, were casting a net into the Sea of Galilee, Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men (Matthew 4:18-19). In Luke's account the

Lord said, "...Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught...And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes..." (Luke 5:4, 6). Peter was told, "...from henceforth thou shalt catch men" (Luke 5:10). On the day of Pentecost, Peter let down the net and "inclosed a great multitude of fishes" as "about three thousand souls" gladly received his word and were baptized (Acts 2:41). If we want to see a great "draught" (catch or haul of fish), we must launch out and let down the net! Gone fishin' lately?

Personal Evangelism Is Winning Souls. Wisdom literature teaches us, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:30). Daniel 12:3 records, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; And they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Winning souls is turning souls to righteousness through the power of the gospel (Romans 1:16). In the words of the song *Lead Me to Some Soul Today*, "Open hearts of those I love, to hear and heed the gospel call; May they start to heaven above, and may they never fall."

That's personal evangelism!

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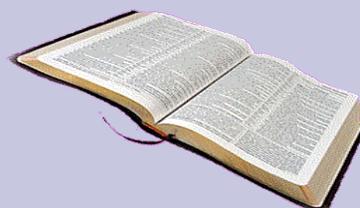
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