Let the Redeemed of the Lord SAY SO!

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In how many different ways does God call, exhort and constrain Christians to be true to their mission in telling "The wonderful story of Jesus and His Love."

He does this primarily through the inspired words of the Bible where we hear Christ Himself saying: "Ye are my witnesses; "Ye are the light of the world"; "As ye go, preach." "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." By His Apostles we are called "Messengers," "Stewards," "Debours," "Ambassadors." Even if the Bible said nothing about this work we know that the Gospel itself is effulgent as light, pervasive as heaven, nut-floving as a fountain, self-revealing as fragrance, and enkindling as fire. For real salvation changes our attitude toward men as definitely as our attitude toward God.

In addition to the words of the Bible, God has many other witnesses who have spoken faithfully about what we are to do. Likewise, some of these who are still strangers to the Saviour whom we know. The words of some of these witnesses have appealed to me as worthy of a still wider hearing. This I am glad to provide, because some words have quoted have been used of the Holy Spirit to work a revolution in my own pes-
If your religion is wrong, change it. If it is right, spread it.—Bishop Whaley.

When God would save a man, He does it by way of a man.—Jerome Taylor.

Every Christian of every age and calling is appointed as an ambassador for Christ.—James M. Brookes.

My obligation to discharge the duties of ministering to Christ rests upon me, not because I am a clergyman, but because I myself am a disciple.—Justice Swung.

No one can do any good unless he persuade another to do good also.—Pascal.

There is no other way to win a soul than by being as one whom Christ your Saviour would have you to win to Him.—A. W. Marshall.

We do not need to be preaching in public in order to carry Christ to others. The workhouse, the warehouse, the college, and at home will yield us hearers, if our hearts are set on winning men to Christ.—Alexander Maclaren.

God often sends the impulse to go and see some very wicked and apparently incorrigible men. That impulse should not be defeated by unbelief in God's power to change such a heart.—The Pilgrim Traveler.

While we aim at few, we shall win but few. Our successes shall take their proportion from not faith in the universal law of the service of Christ.—William Arthur.

No convert is too recent, too uninstructed, to yield us hearers, if our attitude of heart be in a certain way.—J. C. Whittredge.

We tell people, 'Believe, believe,' but do not tell them how, so as to give them nothing definite to believe. The Biblical way is to give them something to believe; for example Isaiah 53:6, and thus build up Christ crucified. Here is something for faith to rest upon.—Faith must have a foundation. Faith cannot float in thin air.—R. T. Torrey.

Napoleon, dying on St. Helenas, said to his comrades: 'When I am dead my spirit will return to France to blend with countless lives in new revolutions.' What he said was true only in a figure. But the Spirit of our Lord did return literally to the earth after His departure; and through the inspired Word is beginning moral revolutions. When souls are begotten by the Word of Truth, Christ is in a mystical and spiritual sense re-born among men.—A. J. Gordon.

When Thou, O Lord, didst die on the cross, Thou didst put the Spirit of Life into Thy Word, and gavest it power to make alive through Thine own dear blood, as Thou Thyself sayest: 'The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.'—From an old devotional book of the Lollards.

When we feel the special gracious influences of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, He wonderfully assists us to come at the consciences of men. Without Him, whatever reason or earnest we employ, we do but make use of stamps instead of bonds.—Dying testimony of David Beardsell.

What Others Have Done

I have never seen a city so completely stirred from center to circumference as the city of Albany was stirred by the word "boat" a few years ago. A child had disappeared from his house. Hundreds of men were ready to join in the search. They scoured the hills and woods. Desperately followed every possible clue. Large sums of money were offered in reward. When at last the lad was rescued from the hands of those who had led him away, there was scarcely a heart that did not utter a note of praise.

The Book tells us that everyone who has failed to make a choice of Christ is lost. Lost to God, lost to holiness, lost to Heaven, and we are unmoved. Surely it must be because we have no realization of this awful distress.—Edwin F. Hallock.

Professor Tholuck was remarkably successful in winning warm-hearted youths into right paths. He gives the following account of the growth of this passion for Christ:

"From the age of seventeen I have always asked myself, 'What is the chief end of man's life?' Just then God brought me into contact with a venerable saint who lived in fellowship with Christ, and from that time I have had but one passion, and that in Christ, and Christ alone. Everyone out of Christ I look upon as a fortress which I must storm and win."—Quoted by Henry M. Lyndall.

This passion burned in the breast of Rowland...
Hill. The people of Wotton called him a madman. This was his defense.

"While I passed along yonder road I saw a gruel pit cave in, and duty three men alive. I listened to the rescue, and shouted for help until they heard me in the town almost a mile away. No one called me a madman then.

"But when I see destruction about to fall on sinners, and entomb them in the eternal mass of woe, and cry aloud, if purchasers they may behold their danger and escape, they say I am beside myself. Perhaps I am, but oh, that all God's children might be thus weaned with desire to save their fellows."—Selected.

It was this that led Shaftesbury to turn aside from the attentions of a brilliant social life and dedicate himself the companion of thieves and harlots that he might win their souls.

This drove Robert McAll from his beautiful English home to the slums of Paris. He was a cultured man, fond of art and letters, but he put these aside and took up his abode amid the moral destitutions of the French metropolis that he might point the unsaved to Christ.

Matthew Henry said: "I would think it greater happiness to win one soul for Christ than to gain nineteen of gold and silver for myself." Doddridge cited: "I long for the conversion of souls more sincerely than for anything besides." The sainted Bernard, after years of such toil and sacrifice as have seldom been equalled wrote: "I cared not where or how I lived, if only I could win souls for Christ. While I was asleep I dreamed of these things, when I waked my first thought was of this great work."

In the neighborhood of Poughkeepsie everyone knew of John Vassar whose attention to worldly things was not conspicuous, but who found occupation in living for the salvation of men. He delighted to call himself "the Shepherd's dog." He would say, "My business is not to preach, but to go over the hills to seek for the sheep that are lost." This was his life. To face the last was his main. He sought no other joy. He was given opportunities to point the unsaved to Christ. In a Boston hotel he had the courage to approach a fashionably dressed lady with the question of her salvation. This she answered, and reported her experience to her husband who advised her to tell John Vassar to go about his business—or which she was exhorted to answer: "Oh, husband, if you had seen that expression upon the face and heard the earnestness with which he spoke, you would have thought it was his business."—From "Passion for Souls," by Hallamstedt.

Need of a Life-Rescue.

Dr. H. Clay Trumbull, for many years Editor of the Sunday School Times, testified that he was brought to Christ through a personal letter that was addressed to him on that subject—though he had been brought up to a Christian home—and at the time he received the letter was working in an office along with other Christians, none of whom ever mentioned Christ to him personally. As a new convert he began telling to one of these associates who answered: "Trumbull, you won't get me to the heart. You little know how they rebuke me. I've long been a professed follower of Christ; and you have never suspected this, though we've been in close association in house and office for years. I've never said a word to you for the Saviour whom I trust. I've never urged you to trust Him. And here are you, inviting me to come to the Saviour of whom I have been a silent follower for years. May God forgive me for my lack of faithfulness."

Of this incident Dr. Trumbull says: "Then it was that I made a purpose and resolve for life. The purpose I formed was, as an imperative duty, to tell in my Christian life to the particular way just confided. I determined that as I loved Christ, and as Christ loved souls, I would press Christ on the individual souls of others, and that whenever I was in such company with a view to be justified in choosing my subject of conversation the theme of themes would have prominence between us, so that I might learn his need, and, if possible, meet it."—From "Taking New Alters." by G. G. Trumbull.

Servant "Yes" to God

This decision of which Dr. Trumbull speaks is essential because here is a form of servant into which Christ never drifts. I say never because it involves a "crisis developing into a process," and is the cure of so many evangelistic problems. So, tell you write, print and sign some such statement as this: "Trusting the Lord Jesus Christ for guidance, wisdom and strength, I promise Him to make prayerful concern and daily effort for the assuaged a rule of my life, from now forward."

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