**CHRIST COMPANION BIBLE CHURCH**

**Weekly Bible Study**

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**OBEYING GOD’S COMMAND TO REPLENISH THE EARTH (Part 1)**

**Texts: Genesis 1:28; 9:1; Matthew 5:6.**

The command to replenish came to Adam, at the time when the earth was nearly empty, and there were so much space to be filled! The vegetations was fruitful; the sea, rivers and forest were respectively filled with lively aquatics, birds and animals! All patiently awaiting man on earth to multiply to live and feed on them!

 God could have created millions of men and women at a time, to fill up the earth at once! God opted for the better choice of fruitful replenishment, due to the very fact that He had put capacity in every creature to reproduce itself hundred fold! Genesis 5:3. The spiritual life bears resemblance to the physical, in that, regeneration is also possible after each individual kind and species! Adam gave birth to Cain physically, just like Elijah gave birth to Elisha spiritually. God is looking forth, for a world that is filled up with a fruit after Christ in: Righteousness and holiness, peace, purity and joy of the Holy Ghost.

 **The Human Void And Empty Life's Without Christ!**

 Genesis 1:2-5; Nahum 2:10; Matthew 16:26.

 God hates two types of lifestyles: **(a) An empty life!** This is in agreement with the common saying that "nature abhors vacuum". A life emptied for nothing, is a useless life! (**b) A life filled up with vanities!** This is like a grain field that is taken over by thorns and thistles. It simply wastes away space and resources. Ecclesiastes 1:2; Acts 14:15.

 The two life-styles above, describe the life of every sinner you interact with day by day. It must give concern to all meaningful children of God. Lamentation 1:12-17. We need to understand the following:

**1. Christ is the essence of life.** He is the very substance of life. Life is complete only with Him and is empty or full of vanities without Him! Colossians 2:8-11.

**2.** **Every sinner out there is empty without Christ;** as it is void of righteousness and eternal life. Their condition is pathetic and deserves pity, compassion and aggressive move to rescue them by sharing the true gospel with such. Ephesians 4:18; Romans 11:14; Jude 1:22,23.

**3. Riches, wealth and great prominence of every sinful man is nothing but VANITIES!** No reasonable soul winners must be deceived or intimidated by such. Psalm 49:6-12. Salvation is the only true riches that give other possession real essence. You must preach the gospel to both low and high at all cost! Mark 10:20-24; 2Timothy 4:1-2.

**4. There is in every human spirit, a hollow, space and void, craving for God and waiting to be filled!** Acts 8:29-39. As you sow the word of God in faith, God can work wonders with it to the saving of souls. Ecclesiastes 11:4-6.

**5. God on earth has chosen man as His vessel, to implement His purpose and missions on earth.** Isaiah 6:8. The command to replenish i.e, to fill up empty life's, to renew minds and regenerate hearts by the preaching of the Gospel is a divine mandate. No saved soul must joke with it. Mark 16:15-20.

**6. Christ, the Prophets and Apostles of old set the examples for us to follow. Ephesians 2:14-22.** Every power, means and resources at their disposal was given to the spreading of good news to all races, nations and tongues! Mark 16:19-20. Today, worldwide outreach in every sense of it should be the Church and every member of the body of Christ primary target! To see the whole word replenished with the fruit, beauty and power of the gospel. Isaiah 11:9. Habakkuk 2:14.

**7. Heaven rejoices whenever the earth overflows with seed of righteousness of Christ.** Luke 10:17-21. God desires salvation of the whole world! 1Timothy 2:4. Paul said, in Romans 10:13-15. ***"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"*** As chosen ambassador of Christ, let God depend on you in your generation? 2Corinthians.5:14-21. Go and replenish the earth!

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**HYMN: RESCUE THE PERISHING**

1. Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,

Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;

Weep o’er the erring one, lift up the fallen,

Tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.

*Rescue the perishing,Care for the dying;*

*Jesus is merciful,Jesus will save.*

2. Though they are slighting Him, still He is waiting,

Waiting the penitent child to receive;

Plead with them earnestly, plead with them gently,

He will forgive if they only believe.

3. Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,

Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;

Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,

Chords that are broken will vibrate once more.

4. Rescue the perishing, duty demands it—

Strength for thy labor the Lord will provide;

Back to the narrow way patiently win them,

Tell the poor wand’rer a Savior has died.