 **CHRIST COMPANION BIBLE CHURCH**

**Weekly Bible Study**

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**THE HARVEST IS RIPE PART 2 (STUDY 35)**

**Text**: **Genesis 1:1-3. 2Corinthians 4: 6,7.**

**Memory Verse**: 2 Corinthians 5 :17

As thick and impenetrable as the darkness was in the beginning, God took a daring step to address the situation! The formless state of the earth, the void and emptiness was never a barrier to God's transforming power! God took the initiative, and at His moves, the darkness was subdued! A beautiful world replaced the abysmal, horrible former state of the creation.

This is a full proof, that no matter the terrible state of the sinful world/man, when God intervenes, transformation will occur! And a once hard bent sinner like Saul will transform to a zealous and prolific Apostle Paul, who will be greatly used as instrument, to shine the light of Christ, in order to rid the world of the oppression of sin and power of darkness.

**GOD: OUR MODEL EVANGELIST GENESIS 1:1-3.**

The evangelists are light bearers, who can see hope in a hopeless situation, who are fully persuaded and earnestly committed, that God can change the worst of sinners, and make substance out of their virulent lives.

Let us consider some of the attitude of God, as our ideal evangelist, who brought transformation to the former chaotic and fruitless world:

1. *God had loving concerns and payed attention to the pitiable state of the darkened formless world. Genesis 1:2. Exodus 3***:7.**

***Challenge: You should have burning love and concerns for the perishing sinners arround you too.***

2***.*** *God' Spirit was moved, regarding the woeful state of the earth. He brooded over it compassionately, and was moved to do something positive that would help and change the situation of the world****.***

***Challenge: You should allow the Holy Spirit to move you with burden to brood in prayer over the dying sinners, who now are nearly, eternally lost!***

*3. He refused to be intimidated by the chaotic disorganized state of the earth then, or consider its state irredeemable*! He believed, planned and attempted to carry out His plan to save the deluded world!

***Challenge: Don't overrate the obstacles surrounding the prospective sinners as big enough to hinder their salvation. e.g, i. Excuses that the world is too sinful. ii. Excuses that error is too much nowadays! iii. Excuses that people are no longer interested in the gospel for whatever reasons etc. Take bold initiatives, and feasible steps like God to preach the gospel to every targeted sinner.***

4. *God thought and took concised action that was result oriented! He created light, as the appropriate solution to the problem of darkness.*

***Challenge: Take deterministic actions like: Prevailing prayer for sinners conversion, recruiting team of soul winners, going out to meet and preach to sinners, everywhere thy are found.***

5. *He followed up His plan to perfection, never giving up until he set the whole world orderly and made man, a replicate of His divine glory in Eden!*

***Challenge: Refuse discouragement! Draw out plan and follow it up to achieve salvation of souls, ensure their commitment to Christ and establishment in the Church.***

6*. He put necessary things in place to sustain and retain His work . E.g, Sun, moon, vegetation, waters, air etc.*

***Challenge: Get ready with various means and resources that can help souls to be rooted, grown up and matured to bear fruits in Christ. E.g: Bible for young converts, helpful Christian literature, magazines, tracts and follow up attentions.***

7*. He made sure He achieved His desired result i.e,* "***A man in God's image"***.

***Challenge: Make holy living and Christ likeness the hall marks of your evangelistic efforts. Knowing that, "without holiness, no man shall see the Lord".*** Amen***.***

**HYMN: RESCUE THE PERISHING (CHS:87)**

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

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.