 **CHRIST COMPANION BIBLE CHURCH**

**Weekly Bible Study**

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**THE HARVEST IS RIPE PART 3 (STUDY 36)**

**Text**: Genesis 1:3-5

**Memory Verse**:John 8 :12

***Light is God's solution to the problem of darkness.*** This was true of the confusing state of the earth in the beginning! It is equally the true solution to the current problem of spiritual darkness across the world today!

**SPEAK TO SHINE THE GOSPEL LIGHT GENESIS 1:3-5**

God did not sit down engrossed and reminiscing His saintly heavenly glory and doing nothing about the terrible state of the earth then! If He chose to do nothing, where would have been the beautiful natural creations, many wonderful histories since Adam, and the beautiful redemption story as we have in Jesus today? Rather, God arose to embark on new creation of the world! So must Christians not waste away in convenient craving pleasures! There is a need to arise today and embark on preaching the gospel to save the perishing souls arround you!

The solution is simple! ***Speak up, to shine the light of Christ,*** according to this scripture, Acts 5:19-21 KJV ***"But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, [20] Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life. [21] And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught"***.

The way God solved the problems of darkness at creation, is the same way to solve the problem of sin and spiritual darkness in our world today. Preach the word, in season, and out of season.

1. Speak the word to sinners and apply the truth authoritatively as God did. He said, ***"Let there be light, and there was light"***. He was so sure and confident about it! Why? He dwelt in the light Himself. Daniel 2:22. There is power in God's word that nothing of darkness can withstand! As children of light, who are walking in the light, speak the word boldly, it is the power of God unto salvation. Romans 1:16.

2. Speak in faith, adding nothing to the word. Like God, rely absolutely on the power of His word! Ecclesiastes 11:5 (KJV), says: ***"As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child: even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all"***.

3. As you speak to shine the gospel light, expect result like God. Genesis 1:3. The word of salvation spoken in faith will produce desired effect. ***Always hope for immediate turnaround.*** ***This will help the tempo of your persuasion, patience and prevalence to bring sinners to Christ***. This was what helped Paul as a fruitful witness of the gospel. Acts 19:26 (KJV), ***"Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands"***: Learn to persuade people to accept the gospel.

4. The gospel is meant to expose and remove every work of darkness in the life of the prospective convert. As light is pure, so must the evangelist's message! There must be nothing questionable and confusing in your life as well as in your message of salvation. 1John 1:5-7 (KJV), says, ***"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. [6] If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: [7] But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin"***. Your aim and priority must be to ensure that sinners forsake sins walk with God in true holiness. Don't settle for half baked religious affiliates.

5. Give them hope! Light infects with hope. Enlighten them that salvation in Christ comes with so many packages, such as healing, health, deliverance from oppression of Satan,success, prosperity, eternal blessings etc.. Isaiah 61:1-3.

6. Point sinners to Christ as the light that lightens every soul. Thus, the need to study the Bible and look for Christ in every page of the scripture. The knowledge of God's word is the assured means of convert's edification.

7. Light imparts with vision! Christ said to Peter and Andrew in Matthew 4:19 (KJV), ***"And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men"***. All of them later became Apostles!

Show the converts the light in Christ and the blessings they will derive from Him. **They will run to attain it. Amen.**

**HYMN: SEND THE LIGHT**

1. There’s a call comes ringing o’er the restless wave,

“Send the light! Send the light!”

There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save,

Send the light! Send the light!

Chorus:

*Send the light, the blessed Gospel light;*

*Let it shine from shore to shore!*

*Send the light, the blessed Gospel light;*

*Let it shine forevermore!*

1. We have heard the Macedonian call today,

“Send the light! Send the light!”

And a golden offering at the cross we lay,

Send the light! Send the light!

1. Let us pray that grace may everywhere abound,

“Send the light! Send the light!”

And a Christlike spirit everywhere be found,

Send the light! Send the light!

1. Let us not grow weary in the work of love,

“Send the light! Send the light!”

Let us gather jewels for a crown above,

Send the light! Send the light!