 **CHRIST COMPANION BIBLE CHURCH**

 **Weekly Bible Study**

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**THE HARVEST IS RIPE: SAVE A SOUL FROM DEATH TODAY PART 4 (STUDY 37)**

**Text**: Genesis 1:27-31

**Memory Verse**:James 5:19-20

 Sinners out there are ignorant of God's plan and provisions. If they have caught the glimpse of the wonders and riches of a new creation in Christ, they would have definitely embraced the gospel with little or no persuasion? Their unbelieving hearts and ignorant mind are darkened without the light of the gospel. You need to help them understand this fact ! 2Corinthians 4:3-4.

 **THE ENVIABLE PRIVILEGE OF THE NEW CREATION! GENESIS 2:7-23.**

 Sinners out there, must be helped to understand the enviable state of a new life in Christ. Man by nature will always sue for that which he knows to be beneficial to him presently and futuristically.

 As an evangelist, how can you show sinners, right from the book of Genesis that ***New Creation*** is for his personal advantage?

**1. Tell sinners that the new creation is God's work! Man simply needs to believe and surrender while God makes a *new man* out of him!**

Ephesians 3:9 KJV ***"And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ"***.

**2. That the personal earthly living, welfare and sustenance are included in the new life package in Christ! Genesis 2:7.**

 Christ emphatically said in Matthew 6:33 (KJV), ***"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you"***.

 Sinners major concerns are always their earthly needs! Let them know that under Christ shepherdhood: Daily food, on health, career, marriage, riches, prominence etc. are possibilities!

**3. That knowledge of truth in Christ is primary to Christian race! Genesis 2:8**. It is the major determinant of soundness, exploits and success in new creation in Christ.

 Thus, in Christ you are endowed with understanding of what is acceptable and unacceptable to God. This is the essence of grace in Christ Jesus, it teaches and empowers believers to know and conform to Christ's image. This is the anchor of holy living per excellence in Christ .

**4. That the river of life is God provision for the new creation, to add beauty and pleasure to life!** That was what rivers in Genesis 2:10-14 represented in Eden! This is very much available in Christ today for every repentant sinner.

 The Holy Ghost is the gift of God to every one that believes in Christ. Tell sinners that every help and empowerment needed is readily available in this wonderful Comforter, Counsellor and Helper according to John 7:38-39 KJV, ***"He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. [39] (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given ; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"***.

 Tell sinners, this gift is awaiting them as they come to Christ!

**5. Tell every sinner that God has work and responsibilities for them. *That life in Christ is not an idle dream.* Diligence is God's demand from man in physical and spiritual endeavours. Genesis 2:15-17.**

 God in the new physical creation as seen in the above scripture provided a garden to work and supplied every need of man. Our Lord Jesus said: "Give us this day our daily bread". Christ will give wisdom, strength, favour and fortune to sinners that genuinely repent and steadfastly follow the Lord.

 ***Let sinners know their interest is better secured in Christ.***

**6. Tell every sinner that comes to Christ that love is the binding factor with Christ. That obedience to the word of God is the seal of this loving relationship in the new creation. Genesis 2:16,17.**

 Jesus said in John 14:15 (KJV): ***"If ye love me, keep my commandments"***.

 That the law of God is not grievous, but for their good and security against the sin, evils and temptations from the flesh and Satan.

**7. Tell them of the new bond of fellowship with the saints, the Church of the first born, that removes loneliness, weariness and frustrations. Genesis 2:18-24.**

 Salvation in Christ brings repented and saved sinners into the new family of God, where grace, love, goodness, joy etc. are the dividend's enjoyed. Repented sinners are not expected to be lone rangers! Rather, this must form strong bond of fellowship with Christ(the bride) and the Church!

Acts 2:46-47 (KJV), says: ***"And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, [47] Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved"***.

**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