

THE CHRISTIAN'S OBLIGATION To Alien Sinners

Lesson # 3 of 6

Introduction:

- A. In our previous lessons, we discussed the Christian's obligation to Jesus Christ and to his fellow Christian's. Perhaps before we continue, we should define the term Christian. A Christian is a member of the church of Christ (Rom.16:16). Col. 1:13 tells us it is one who has been “delivered from the power of darkness and conveyed into the kingdom of the Son of His love.” In other words a Christian is a follower of Christ. He is one given to obeying Christ.
- B. There are some similarities between a Christian and an alien sinner, but there are some differences also. Both have a soul and a body with bones. Both are flesh and blood. But the difference lies in their relationship with God. A Christian has heard, believed, and obeyed God's laws. Where an alien sinner may have heard, may even believe, but has never obeyed the word of God. As one who has obeyed, this increase, rather than decreases our responsibilities.

I. Christian Is Obligated To Teach The Gospel To Alien Sinners

- A. The individual Christian is a living part of the Body of Christ.
 - 1. Living things have the power of reproduction.
 - 2. Jesus makes this mandatory for individual Christians - Jn. 15:1-6
 - 3. We must fulfill our obligations as part of the body.
- B. Christians love the souls of men.
 - 1. Our love prompts our teaching others the way of Christ.
 - 2. How much do you love? This can be gauged by how willing we are to teach others.
 - 3. How much do you teach? We should be teaching at every opportunity, but how much we are willing to teach is also gauged by how much we love.
- C. The Christian recognizes his “place” in the teaching program.
 - 1. He does not forgive sins - That's for God to do - Mk. 2:7
 - 2. He did not die for sinners - Christ did this - 1 Cor. 15:3
 - 3. Ours is but to present the will of the Lord - 1 Cor. 3:6; 2 Tim. 4:2

II. The Gospel Taught By Christians Must Be Certified By The N. T. (Gal. 1:11)

“For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.”

- A. Neither addition nor subtraction is allowed by God - 2 Jn. 9; Gal 1:8-9
 - 1. Only the Lord's doctrine (teaching) will produce the Lord's people.
- B. The gospel is the only “seed” the Lord uses It must therefore be planted in the proper soil and in the proper way - Lk. 8:11ff
 - 1. 1 Cor. 1:21 presents Christians with an obligation.
 - 2. Rom. 10:13-17 sheds more light on our responsibility.
 - 3. The alien sinner must:
 - a. Hear - Matt. 17:5; Jn. 6:44-45; Rom 10:17
 - b. Believe - Jn 8:24; Heb 11:6
 - c. Repent - Acts 3:19; Acts 17:30
 - d. Confess - Matt 10:32-33; Rom 10:10
 - e. Be baptized - Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom 6:3-5

III. While Teaching Aliens, Christians Must Set Godly Examples.

- A. We must live as we teach others to live - Matt. 5:6
 - 1. If our influence is not good, our words won't be accepted
 - 2. Our influence is one of our most valuable possessions

B. Lives must be filled with good works

1. The Christian is to do good to all men - Gal. 6:10
2. Good works not to be restricted to our "friends" - Matt. 5:47
3. The Lord teaches us to reciprocate good for evil - Matt. 5:44

Conclusion:

A. The only link that God has between His Word and the alien sinner is you and me. By the same token the only opportunity that many will have to be saved is when you and I tell them God's plan for man.

B. I am reminded of the song, "The World's Bible."

"Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work today, He has no feet but our feet to lead men in His way; He has no tongue but our tongues to tell men how He died, he has no help but our help to bring them to His side. We are the only Bible the careless world will read, We are the sinner's gospel. we are the scoffer's creed; We are the Lord's last message given in deed and word, what if the type is crooked? What if the print is blurred?"

"What if our hands are busy with other things than His? What if our feet are walking where sin's allurements is? What if our tongues are speaking of things His life would spurn, how can we hope to help Him and welcome His return?"

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