

What Will You Pass On?

In one of our previous issues, I wrote an article entitled "What Will be Your Legacy?" In this issue, I believe the Holy Spirit would have me amplify some of the points made previously.

As Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was sent to earth to die for our sin in our stead, His death afforded those who would accept Him as Lord and Savior, life and life everlasting. We too are created to live on this earth and die that others might live for eternity with Him.

If we look at His creation all around us we see clearly that death is part of the process of bringing forth life. We plant seeds in the ground that have to die to bring forth life. Trees shed their leaves in the fall and then produce new leaves and life in the spring.

When our lives pass this earth to our new home in heaven, how have others been affected by the lives we lived on this earth? Will they say, "I found Christ through their ministry to me," or will they say, "if only they had shared the gospel with me."

The Word is pretty clear that we are commanded (not optional) in Matthew 28:19,20 to "Go and make Disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age."

To further my point, the Bible tells us in Genesis 9:5,6 "That man was created in the image of God." If so, than as Jesus died to give us life, so God's purpose for us on this earth is to pass on what He has given to us before we die on this earth. If we refuse, then we are in rebellion to His Word and His purposes for our lives on this earth.

I get the impression at times that we are more interested in our success on this earth than where our families, friends and neighbors will spend eternity. It's like we are depending on someone else to do what we have been commanded to do. How sad and how grieving to the Lord.

As Jesus came to die, in obedience to the Father, for you and me, in order to show us a better way free from the bondage of our sin, so we in our death should have shown others a better way to live their lives. And they likewise, out of obedience, will pass on the gospel message for generations to come as a result of our obedience to His Word.

We have just come out of the Christmas season where we focused on the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. What a precious time for all of us who have a personal relationship with Him. As we go into the New Year 2008, may it truly be a year of new beginnings as we purpose to live and share the gospel of Jesus Christ with everyone He puts in our paths. I don't know about you, but I want to see all of my family, my friends and neighbors enjoy the benefits of eternal life with Jesus. I want to be an obedient child to my heavenly Father, for He has given me the greatest gift I could ask for: Salvation. I want to be His mouthpiece and not wait for someone else to go in my place, but be obedient to His Word.