

## **WITNESSES FOR CHRIST**

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In our relationship to the world as Christians, we are witnesses. In Acts 1:8 we read, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." In John 17:18 Jesus Christ said, "As thou hast sent me unto the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." So our relationship to the world is simply this: we are witnesses to the Lord Jesus Christ. And when we cease to be witnesses for the Lord in this sinful world, then we have forgotten the true nature of our relationship as Christians.

I have even heard members of the church say they do not like this expression, "Witnesses for Christ". I suppose if a person is not doing it he would not like it. All indications are there are a lot of members of the church that are not witnesses for Christ. Brother, I like the expression and I have an idea that you would too if you would start doing it. Just how long has it been since you talked to anyone about Christ? We should witness for Christ because of the value of the soul of man. In Matthew 16:26 Jesus said, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

Personal witnessing is the best way to evangelize the world. People will not come to us, we must go to them. This is what Jesus told us to do. In Matthew 28:19 Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." First Thessalonians the first chapter and verse eight, "For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak anything."

We have a spiritual obligation to witness for Christ. We have an obligation to God our Father to tell others about His goodness and what He has done for us.

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