

“Sent to Save”

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John 20:19-23

Like Jesus was sent to save that which was lost (by His Father), so are we sent to save the lost people of this world. (by Jesus) Friends, Family, Co-Workers, anybody that will hear a word from the Lord.

We are sent into the world:

A dark world

A cold world

A mean world

A sad world

A mad world

A bad world

A wicked world

A troubled world

A sin sick world

An unthankful world

An unforgiving world

We are the light in darkness, we are warmth in coldness, we are kindness in a mean world, we are joy in sadness, love in hate, we are peace in madness, life in death, and good in bad.

God wants us to shine our light and tell the “Good News” of Jesus Christ.

We are sent to save the lost, in John 20:19-23 Jesus identified Himself with His Father. He told the disciples by whose authority He did His work, by God. He then passed the job to His disciples and they began spreading the gospel of salvation around the world.

Whatever God has asked you to do remember your authority comes from God. Always Pray, Pray, Pray. Jesus demonstrated by word and action how we are to accomplish the job He has given us. As the Father sent Jesus, Jesus sends His followers- you and me.

The “Great Commission” is for us to spread His teachings to all the nations of the world, emphasizing ministry, missionary work, evangelism, and baptism.

He sent His disciples in His name, He sent them with power, He sent them with His love, His peace, then He breathed on the them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” John 20:22

This may have been a special infilling of the Holy Spirit for the disciples, a taste of what all believers would experience from the time of Pentecost (Acts 2) and forever more, to do God’s work.

We need His guidance and the power of the Holy Spirit, to avoid trying to do this great work in our own strength.

There is life in the breath of God, man was created but did not come alive until God breathe into man the breath of life. (Gen. 2:7) God’s first breath made man different from all other forms of creation. God imparted eternal life, with the infilling of the Holy Spirit He gave man the power to do His will on earth.

When Jesus sent man to do His will, He always gives us what we need:

Peace - We need His peace when we go, because fear will keep us from doing what we are called to do, fear will keep us from telling the good news in our communities, to our family and friends, He gives us peace to tell the hurting about the Lord. “We need Peace.”

Power – We need His Power, the Holy Spirit to do it right, witnessing must be effective and done right, to many people to it wrong. Do it God’s way not our way, you must be filled with “His Power.”

Prayer – Prayer and boldness is needed; His followers have the authority and access to the Father through Jesus Christ. We are forgiven for our sins and saved by the name of Jesus Christ.

Privilege – Jesus gave us the privilege of telling new believers that their sins have been forgiven. The disciples did not have the power to forgive sins. Jesus gave them the “Privilege” of telling new believers that they are forgiven and saved by the name of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit was given to us dramatically and permanently- Pray, Pray, pray for your family and for the entire world to be saved.

Always remember that you have been “Sent to Save.”