

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 11:00 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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The Urgency of the Gospel

-Jason Wright

Everyday across the globe an average of 150,000 die. In America, 7,700 people die every day. Of course, our Lord Jesus spoke of the eternal destination of the few and the many in Matthew 7:13-14, when He said many will enter into destruction and few will find life. The Hebrews writer reminds us that every man will *die and then the judgement* (9:27). Sometimes reality is such a downer. Is there any good news to be found?

The Gospel, *euangelion*, literally means a good message; the good news. Gospel can be found more than 70 x in the New Testament. Jesus boldly proclaimed, *the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel* (Mark 1:15).

Recently, my shop full of tools, equipment, and vehicles burned to the ground. As I approached my house and drove down the driveway, I could not dial 9-1-1 fast enough. Once I called and waited for the fire departments to show, it seemed like forever. In reality, they arrived in about ten minutes. My heart was pounding; they were moving with great urgency, but it wasn't fast enough. Nothing could be salvaged. Nothing was saved.

Thankfully, the Gospel saves. *For it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.* (Romans 1:16) It got me to thinking. Do I act as urgently with the lost as I did with calling 9-1-1? Do I make spiritual things a priority? Are people I come into contact with just people or do I see them as being worthy of the Gospel?

You can see the urgency in Missionaries. They will travel to all parts of the world while risking persecution and being separated from friends and family back home. They will raise funds and faithfully preach and teach completely depending on the support of others. Why? If they lose that sense of urgency, evangelism loses one of its core motivations.

Consider what Jesus told His disciples in John 4:35, *Do you not say, there are still four months and then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!* Don't wait; souls need the Gospel now!

I once read and how true a statement, *without a sense of urgency, desire loses its value.* Jesus said, *Surely, I am coming quickly.* (Rev 22:20) Hell is real; death comes to us all; but Christ provides salvation.

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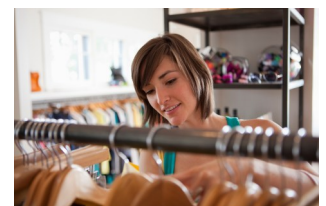
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Next Door

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Clothing Closet



For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth. 1 Thessalonians 1:8

The Christian Graces Part 1

This Very Reason

- Granted to us all things- v. 3, Romans 6:23, Titus 2:11-12, John 17:3, 1 Peter 1:8, 1 John 2:3-4
- Granted to us great promises- v. 4, Ephesians 1:3-14, 2 Corinthians 1:20, 5:21, Hebrews 12:10, 2 Peter 2:20

Make Every Effort

- Fervor- Titus 2:14, Romans 12:11
- Determination- Ezra 7:10, Daniel 1:8
- Persistence- Galatians 6:9, 1 Peter 2:2

Supplement Your Faith

- Trust- Genesis 22:1-2, Hebrews 11:6, 1 John 5:13
- Conviction- 1 Peter 1:8, John 20:29
- Action- James 2:14-26, Hebrews 11

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 134 Faith Is the Victory

Prayer

Song: 726 We Saw Thee Not

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 291 I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace

Song: 400 Living by Faith

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1:1-4

Sermon

Song: 389 Let Him Have His Way with Thee

Song: 687 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus (Vs. 1)

Prayer

2 Peter 1:1-4

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2 Peter 1:1-4 (NKJV)

- 1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:
- 2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,
- 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,
- 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23