

HOW MUCH ARE WE LIKE JESUS IN LOVE FOR LOST SOULS?

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INTRODUCTION

1. The ultimate ambition of every child of God should be to be like Christ.
2. What a different world this would be if every child of God would act like Jesus.
3. How much are we like Jesus in love for lost souls?

I. JESUS' MAIN PURPOSE IN LIFE WAS TO SAVE SOULS.

1. He came to this earth *"to seek and save the lost"* Luke 19:10.
2. He gave His life a ransom for many – Matt. 20:28.
3. He tasted death for every man – Heb. 2:9.
4. His love for lost souls caused Him to give up the glory He had with God and come to this low land of sin for the purpose of saving lost souls—Phil. 2: 6 – 8; John 17:5.
5. Jesus knew the value of ONE SOUL—Matt. 16:26.
6. Jesus' constant business in life was reaching lost souls with the truth:
 - (1) On some occasions He taught great multitudes – Mark 4:1.
 - (2) At noon He taught the woman at Jacob's well – John 4: 6 – 7.
 - (3) In the night he taught Nicodemus – John 3: 1 – 5.
 - (4) Jesus depicted the attitude of God and Himself toward lost souls in the parable of the Shepherd who left the 99 sheep to find the one that was lost – Luke 15:3 – 7.
 - (5) Again, He taught His and the Father's concern for the lost in the parable of the lost coin – Luke 15: 8 – 10.
 - (6) When Jesus selected the 12 and sent them forth on the limited commission, he showed His concern for the lost – Luke 9: 1 – 6.
 - (7) When Jesus appointed the 70 and sent them forth, He showed His love for the lost – Luke 10: 1 – 3.
 - (8) Jesus showed His concern for souls when He told Peter three times to "feed His sheep"—John 21: 15 – 17.
 - (9) Jesus showed His concern for lost souls when He gave the great commission – Mark 16: 15 – 16; Matt. 28: 19 – 20.
7. Christian friend, do you have the same attitude toward the lost that Jesus does?
 - (1) Have you made it your primary business in life to seek and save the lost?
 - (2) Would you give up a night of TV to save the lost? A sports event to save the lost?
 - (3) Would you deny yourself financially to save the lost?
 1. Would you give up a new car?
 2. Would you give up new clothes?
 3. Would you give up a big bank account?
 4. Would you give up steak and high eating?

II. JESUS SAW SOULS AS FIELDS WHITE UNTO HARVEST – John 4:35.

1. Jesus wants us to lift up our eyes and see these souls that are before us – John 4: 35.
2. Jesus said, *"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few"* –Matt. 9:37.
 - (1) The laborers are still few.

3. Christian friend, can you see the fields of souls that are white unto harvest that are before you?
 - (1) Look at your own family.
 - (2) Look at your neighbor.
 - (3) Look at the person you work with.
4. If you found gasoline at 25 cents a gallon, what would be the first thing you would do?
5. Why do you not share the good news of the gospel with the same people?

III. JESUS' CONCERN FOR LOST SOULS BROUGHT HIM TO TEARS.

1. Jesus WEPT over Jerusalem – Luke 19:41; Matt. 23:37.
2. Down through the years, some of God's greatest noblemen have demonstrated deep feelings for souls:
 - (1) David – Psa. 119:36.
 - (2) Jeremiah – Jer. 9:1.
 - (3) Paul – 2 Cor. 2:4.
3. They all wept because of the lost and undone condition of souls.
4. I challenge you – How many tears have you ever shed because of anyone is lost?
5. We live in a world of 2 billion lost souls.
 - (1) 40 million die every year.
6. There is too much apathy, lack of feeling, and concern upon our part for the lost.
7. I am convinced that one of the greatest single needs in the church today is genuine concern for Lost souls.
8. In the average congregation less than 10% of the members are actively engaged in any effort to reach the lost with the gospel.
9. Until we feel the burden of lost souls personally and individually, we are not going to save many Souls.
10. Are you like Jesus when it comes to saving the lost??

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