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open unto the Gentiles. Jesus ". . . commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word" Acts 10:42-44.

The legacies of Peter, the other apostles, and faithful saints of the early church have given us an example which should educate and encourage us to reach out to people of all nations sharing how Jesus died to save the souls of mankind. That is why He came, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" Luke 19:10.

What legacy will we leave? Are we being faithful to the commission the Lord gave us, "... and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem,

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and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" Acts 1:8.

We must ask ourselves, Am I being a faithful witness for the Lord sharing the Lord Jesus Christ and His gift of eternal life whenever and wherever the Lord gives me opportunity? When we examine ourselves, what legacy are we demonstrating in our daily lives? How do others who are watching us (and, trust me, there are many who watch your every move), view your legacy?

Do they see someone who is ready to give an answer when asked, just as Paul and Silas were when asked by the Philippian jailer, ". . . Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Acts 16:30.

Do they see someone who boldly proclaims the Word of God, for only by proclaiming His Word can men be

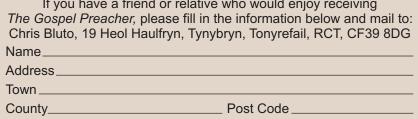
won to Christ? "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" Romans 10:17.

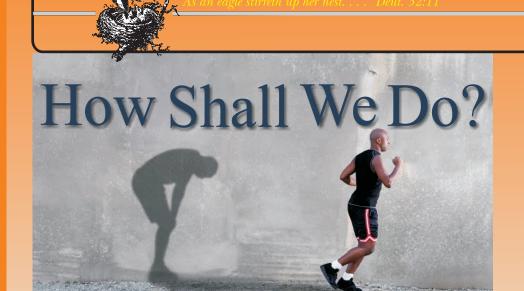
Do they see someone who is not ashamed to share the Gospel? Remember how the Apostle Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" Romans 1:16.

Do they see an obedient servant who takes the Great Commission to heart? We are to "... Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" Mark 16:15.

What will our legacy be? Will we be found wanting or will we be found doing? What legacy will you leave behind for your family and others to emulate? "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" James 1:22.







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What were those days? They

were days when the family was

a strong unit and functioned as the

center of life, when mom and dad

were in authority no matter how that

authority was challenged. In those

days, there were no credit cards

inviting people to spend their future

on unnecessary luxuries for the

present. Families went to church

together. The church was interested in

the salvation of souls, not in what

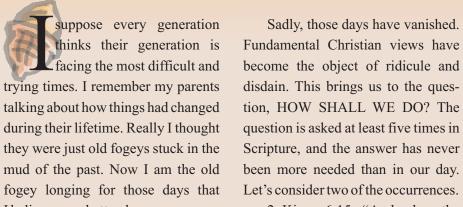
other churches may or may not be

doing. The government at least

pretended to have some concern for

its citizens.

I believe were better days.



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2 Kings 6:15, "And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! How shall we do?"

Jeremiah 12:5, "If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?"

We well know the story of 2 Kings chapter six. Elisha is being sought by the King of Syria because



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he is informing the King of Israel of

his battle strategy. I could use this as

an example of the way the true church

is being pursued in our day by the

hounds of Hell. It may be identified in

many ways: modernism, ecumenical-

ism, compromise, a health-wealth-

and-happiness gospel, and a host of

other "isms." Whatever you call it,

the question remains: "How shall we

do?" Second Kings 6:16 informs us

that we must come to a realization.

which leads to a calm reliance on the

plan and power of God. "And he

answered, Fear not: for they that be

with us are more than they that be

with them." We find another young man at Dothan. His experience was not of chariots of fire, but a pit. He, however, had the same attitude as Elisha: God brought me here, and He will keep me where He brings me. That young man's name was Joseph (Genesis 37). Joseph also found God's plan perfect and God's power sufficient. He knew his only course of action should be reliance on his God.



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cently attended a funeral a man who had lived his life in drunkenness and wantonness. He left a legacy of exactly that. He is remembered not so fondly by family, friends, and acquaintances for wasting his life. Today many live their lives with

no thought of tomorrow. They go from day to day squandering their livelihood and their life's blood on whatever suits their fancy.

Many are without hope, being so far in debt, feeling the pressures of the world, being so miserable in their relationships that they don't know where to turn, so they quit. They seek solace in the ways of the world.

When we look to the early church in the book of Acts, we see a legacy left for our example. We were given a commission by the Lord Himself to go into all the world preaching the Gospel that through His Word the world might be saved.

He said in Acts 1:8, "... ye shall receive power . . ." to accomplish the commission He has given you and me. Go into all the world preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of God. The apostles and the early church left us a legacy to emulate. They boldly took the Gospel to the known world.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Peter preached his first recorded



sermon. He told them, "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" Acts 2:21. Jesus of Nazareth, approved of God, by the working of miracles and mighty acts was the One you slew on the cross. Fulfilling the scriptures, He rose from the dead, and we are His witnesses.

Then Peter called for them to repent and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Three thousand souls joyfully trusted Jesus as their Saviour and were baptized that day. The early church's testimony was that "... they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" Acts 2:42.

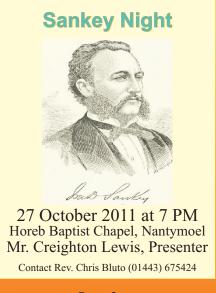
Peter continued to proclaim the Gospel of salvation. At the gate

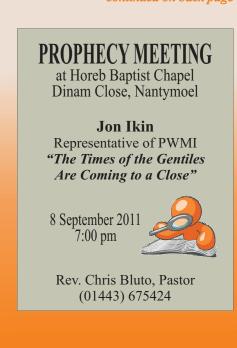
Beautiful, the healing of a lame man became a witness to bring many to Christ. Peter proclaimed to the crowd, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" Acts 3:19.

Peter was also led to the house of a Roman centurion named Cornelius. When he entered, he found many others who had come to find rest in Jesus. Family, friends, fellow soldiers, and servants gathered together to hear of the Lord. Isaiah tells us to "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near" Isaiah 55:6.

Peter's message didn't change. The Gospel of Jesus Christ was now

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The Gospel Preacher Association **Bible Convention 2011**

We praise the Lord for a great meeting this year! We experienced a great time of fellowship and were encouraged by the preaching of the Word. Rev. Paul Jones is a great host pastor, and Rev Chris Bluto organizes everything so well. The messages seemed to compliment each other. It was not planned, but it seems the Holy Spirit gave us the theme, "Focus on Christ."

A group of students from Crown College in Powell, Tennessee, USA, came by one night, and their songs and testimonies were a tremendous blessing. We heard from

several preachers: Rev. Trevor Jones, Bro. Clive Harvard, Dr. Stuart Ryce-Davies, as well as Rev. Darren Rogers.

and each was a blessing. Bethany Choir (Ynyshir) and Mrs. Amelia Petty provided special music, and the congregational singing was very

The 2012 GPA Bible Convention will be held in the beautiful Rhondda Valley of South Wales. The dates of the meeting will be 25-29 March. Please mark your diaries.





The New Testament injunction for the Church today is, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness" (Eph. 6:13-14).

A friend said to me, "Ed, I would rather be swallowed by a whale than nibbled to death by minnows." I think that is the answer to Jeremiah's

questions. If we permit the minnows to sap our strength, what shall we do with the whales?

Adam Clarke puts it this way, "If thou hast run with the footmen—If the smallest evils to which thou art exposed cause thee to make so many bitter complaints, how wilt thou feel when, in the course of thy prophetic ministry, thou shalt be exposed to much greater, from enemies much more powerful? Footmen may here be the symbol of common evil events; horsemen, of evils much more terrible. If thou have sunk under small difficulties, what wilt thou do when great ones come?" What a soulsearching question!

The Apostle Paul instructs us twice in the New Testament about

weariness. Galatians 6:9, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." 2Thessaloians 3:13, "But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing."

HOW SHALLWE DO? God's plan is perfect, follow it! His power is sufficient, trust it! Realize God's way is our only course of action.

Confidently rely on God's ability to see us through every circumstance.

(Isaiah 43:2) "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."

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