"The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few ..." Matthew 9:35-38

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Preach Redemption

Power unto salvation. Romans 1:16-17
How we are saved. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Paul's sermon on Mars Hill – salvation.

Gospel Message – Redemption /

• Peter's sermon – salvation from sin.

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What Can I Do?

View The World As Lost.

- If viewed the people from spiritual condition. Ephesians 2:1-2
- If view them without hope. Ephesians 2:12
- If view them on road to eternal separation from God. Revelation 21:8

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Salvation

Acts 2

Acts 17:22-31

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Preach Redemption

Gospel Message – Redemption / Salvation

- Peter's sermon to Gentiles. Acts 10:34-48
- Paul's Sermon in Antioch on 1st Journey.
 Acts 13:16-41
- Books like Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians, etc. have themes about salvation.

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Preach Redemption

Gospel Demands Change of Life

- Repentance. Acts 2:38; 17:30-31;
 cf. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Acts 19:17-20
- Stop the practice of sin. Romans 6
- Give up old religion. Philippians 3:3ff; 1 Thessalonians 1:9
- Start doing things to serve God.Acts 26:17-20

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Preach Redemption

Message Has Shifted – Social

- More on relationships.
- How to be a better person.
- "Feel Good," "motivational" preaching.

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Hindrances: "Keeping House"

A Church that did not just keep house

Church at Antioch in Syria

Acts 13-14 First evangelistic tour of Paul Acts 15-18 Second evangelistic tour of Paul

Acts 18-21 Third evangelistic tour of Paul

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Hindrances: Fear

> Fear of Alienating a friend

- Gospel sometimes will alienate people.
 Matthew 10:34ff
- So, deem it not worth the risk. cf. Luke 16:28

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Hindrances: The Social Gospel

 NOTE: Social activities, recreation, and benevolence were never offered in NT days as the means by which to get people to become Christians. THE GOSPEL IS GOD'S DRAWING POWER BY WHICH TO CALL MEN.

2 Thessalonians2:14; Romans 1:16

Are these things worthy of the blood of Jesus Christ? cf. Ephesians 5:25; Acts 20:28

Hindrances: Fear

> Fear of offending

- Gospel will offend. Matthew 15:12; Acts 13:45-48
- Gospel convicts world of Sin. John 16:8;
 Acts 2:37
 - Learn the Scriptures. Acts 7:42; 17:2; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

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Hindrances: Hypocrisy

> Set the Example

- Influence. Matthew 5:13-14; Romans 3:17-24
- Some say, and do not. Matthew 23:1-5
- "Work out your own salvation ..."
 Philippians 2:12-16

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Why We Are Not Converting The World

World Is Not Interested In The Gospel

Don't View The World As Lost

Message Preached Is Not Redemption

Content To "Keep House"

Fear Of Offending & Alienating Others Hypocrisy

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What Can I Do?

• Become more evangelistic

• Set up Home Bible Studies

Use Bible materials

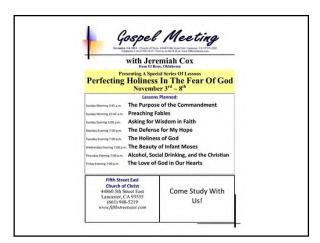
• Set the example

• Try to reach family, friends with gospel

• Talk to others about Bible questions

Bring someone to a Gospel Meeting

• Bring someone to a special class or service



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