

Mat 7:21-23 ***Not everyone** who says to Me, Lord! Lord! shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in Heaven. **Many** will say to Me in that day, Lord! Lord! Did we not prophesy in Your name, and through Your name throw out demons, and through Your name do many wonderful works? And then I will say to them I never **knew** you! Depart from Me, those working lawlessness!*

The above scripture can bring many questions to our minds. Am I saved? Am I doing God's will? Who can be saved? What will Jesus say to me "in that day"? And many more you could probably think of. But read the previous **verse 20** and this will answer all your questions. Jesus is talking about fruit and if you look it up in the strong's dictionary it talks about evil or good that comes from a person, and I truly believe this is talking about the fruit of the Spirit - Love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, kindness, meekness etc. found in **Galatians Ch5:22**.

I see a lot of on the streets trying to win people to Jesus and fill up churches and get the 'numbers' up, I hear of how many people "I" have won to the Lord today or this week or last year, frankly none of it impresses me! What impresses me is when the Holy Spirit moves upon a preacher in the pulpit or a person on the street van to care about others and be moved by the Holy Spirit to lead people to the throne of grace, that is what Jesus did yes? Jesus did not tell us to go into all the world and make converts, he told us to go and make disciples.

I remember when I first "gave my life to the Lord", the only reason I did it was to stop this guy from nagging me beside me at a youth festival to go forward, the bible tells us that no-one can be born again unless he is drawn by the Spirit of God this can be seen through the book of **John** particularly **chapter 3**, also at **Rom 8:14** and "as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. And **John 3:5** "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God".

It was not until **I** realised **I** was a sinner and had to **repent** (turn around or away from) of my sin and ask Jesus into my life that I was born again and that was done when my mother was raised up off her death bed 21 years ago. No preachers or preaching were involved it was the time I was saved not at the youth festival.

Yes the Bible says to go out into the streets and share the gospel (*good news*) but when it becomes nagging to a person it is no longer "good news" to them. The apostle Paul spoke in **1Corinthians ch 13** about Love and noisy gongs, if we have no love for the people we are trying to win to the Lord then we are useless. Yet, not everyone has to win people to the Lord. Jesus himself said in **John 4:36-38** "he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours".

My mother did not really start to believe all this church and Christianity stuff was real until she met a man named Terry Walker in a little shed in Kingston, as far as I know she was the only one that Terry would set up a chair for her near the door so she could have a cigarette as long as she listened to what he had to say, then he would go out of his way to say Hi to her afterwards and that really impressed her, she died soon after but not before giving her life to Jesus. Out of all the nagging and all the stories and things I tried, it was that one man cared enough for a rough old bkie lady to make her comfortable in his church that won her over.

My new mobile logo W.W.J.D challenges me every day more and more, what did Jesus do when he walked the streets of Israel? He loved people, he showed compassion, he never judged, he won many but he also lost many too. Not everyone stayed with him, it is still the same today, take the time out to care for someone in some way, I think it was Wesley that said go and preach but without words.

I love the song that says “when we get closer to Jesus all the things of this world will grow strangely dim”. Where are our eyes set? I am learning even while typing this newsletter. I have had some encouraging phone calls, emails and letters from various people concerning “Bikers for Christ” to keep going even if there is no one on the rides, some have said hey, I might only make it to 1 ride a year but keep the newsletter going, that is what Christianity is all about - encouraging one another lifting each other up, I needed that from those who called. A house divided against itself will fall, united together we stand. Lets stand and ride for Jesus - Jesus is Lord is all that matters, we need to be Jesus with skin on to people.

I honestly believe we don't need a revival in the streets it would be useless! We need a revival in the church, a revival of love, care and concern for others. When I resigned as a Pastor from my previous church no one rang or visited me to encourage me, I received many relayed messages from my wife who still went to that church, but sadly it was not enough. I have recently visited back there, and the first night I went I was totally swamped with people and well wishes even while the Pastor was preaching, that is what we all need. I loved to walk up to people who give their time in the church band, as a deacon, or whoever and just say to them you are doing a good job, God bless you and thankyou! We are only human and that little bit of appreciation to a person goes a long way, or am I the only one who is human?

Am I sheep or a goat? Do I hear the shepherds voice or am I always “but this” or “but that”, complaining and criticising. On that day when we stand before Jesus, we will stand alone! There will be no one else to blame or accuse, do we do things out of religious duty or is it because we want more of Jesus in our life. We need to check our fruit and judge ourself as the Bible says. Ask yourself am I doing What Jesus Would Do? Do I **know** him? The word knew in the beginning of this letter in the Greek means - *ginosko a prolonged form of a primary verb; to “know” absolutely in a great variety of applications and with many implications allow, be aware of, feel, have knowledge, perceived, be resolved, can speak, be sure, understand.* “Now that's personal”! Challenges me, how about you? - **Stay upright, Roscoe.**