

Evangelism Sunday — Sowing the Seed

Evangelism, in its full and true meaning, is ever the heart of genuine Christian activity. It is the principal, primary and permanent concern of the Church of Jesus Christ. The Church is His body on earth, and as He came in the flesh to seek and to save the lost, so must His body, the Church, continue the quest, proclaiming the good news which is our gospel of redemption to every man.

No other activity of the Church presents such a constant challenge as does this Christ-like enterprise of evangelism. It requires constant dedication to the redemptive purpose of our God. It requires the renewal and replenishment of Christian love, and ever ascending prayers for the grace of humility and the endowment of wisdom.

Evangelism is a challenge to our ingenuity and sagacity. Oftentimes we are satisfied to be busy with a lesser Christian service because it is easier to accomplish than our primary obligation. We are wise when we begin "upon our knees" because we are entirely dependent on His grace as we carry this treasure in earthen vessels. It is wise counsel to speak to God about a man before you speak to a man about God. Some work may be accomplished without prayer but this cannot.

—Henry Edward Russell

Some Place for You

*There is a place for you to fill,
Some work for you to do,
That no one can or ever will
Do quite as well as you.
It may be close along your way,
Some little homely duty,
That only waits your touch, your sway,
To blossom into beauty.*

*Or it may be that daily task,
Cheerfully seen and done,
Will lead to greater work that asks
For you, and you alone.
Be brave, whatever it may be,
The little or the great,
To meet, and do it perfectly,
And you have conquered fate.*

—Selected

Planting in the Holy Land

The picture on today's bulletin, fifth in a series of scenes from the Holy Land, is as true to the way of life in Christ's time as to today. It was of this ancient method of broadcasting seeds in sowing that Christ spoke when He told the parable of the sower and the seed. It is around this method, and the agricultural economy of the Bible world, that many other Biblical illustrations are built, for in fields and flocks the Israelites found their life.

It is significant in the Biblical view of man's stewardship for God, that not once does the equivalent for the word "agriculture" appear; instead, the Bible speaks of "husbandman" or "husbandry," and Adam was expected to "keep" or tend the Garden—man serving as steward for God. It is also of interest that crop rotation apparently began among the Israelites, when they let the land lie idle every seventh year (Ex. 23:10-11), giving a year of rest out of seven, as man took a day out of seven in which to rest and worship.

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"Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in
glad adoration! Praise ye the Lord, who O'er all things
so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under His wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth! Praise ye the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life
and breath, come now in praises before Him! Let the
Amen sound from His people again:"

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Doxology - "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow,
Praise Him All Creatures Here Below,
Praise Him Above, Ye Heavenly Host,
Praise Father, Son, And Holy Ghost Amen."

*Invocation

Responsive Reading Selection 40 "Treasures in heaven!"

*Hymn 21 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Scripture Reading John 10:1-30 Text 10:22

Organ Meditation "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Morning Prayer

Announcements

Hymn 223 "My Jesus, I Love Thee, I Know Thou Art Mine"

Worship God with our Tithes and Offerings

*Memory Hymn "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Junior Sermon "I Pledge Allegiance"

Message - "Dedication to God" - A Living Sacrifice

Prayer of Consecration

*Hymn 217 "I Am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice"

*Invitation

Benediction and Choral Response

WELCOME TO AIMWELL CHURCH

We welcome you on this Lord's Day into the House of the Lord our God. We are His sheep, He is our Shepherd. Come and lie down in the green pastures of His Kingdom and live in newness of life. On this Lord's Day and every one to follow, we invite you to come and worship with us.

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF MRS. W. R. GOODSON

Flowers for today were given by John and Donald DuBois of Bradenton, Florida in memory of Mrs. W. R. Goodson.

DEDICATION SERVICE WILL BE AT 3:30 THIS AFTERNOON

I AM THE CHURCH

The great Creator drew the plans for me
within His heart of love;
The Great Architect gave His dearest Possession
that I might be erected;
My one and only Foundation is His Son --
whose body was nailed to a tree;
My Chief Corner Stone -- the Stone which
the builders rejected;
My walls -- placed without hammer's sound --
are built by the martyrs of the centuries;
My steeple points ever toward that Great Architect --
Builder throughout eternity;
From my belfry rings out the call for worship
to countless multitudes of all ages;
My door swings open to all of every race and every age --
bidding them welcome;
In my sanctuary there is --
Peace for tired minds,
Rest for weary bodies,
Compassion for suffering humanity,
Forgiveness for repentant sinners,
Communion for saints,
CHRIST -- for all who seek Him!