

THE
WHY SHOULD I
SERIES

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“WHY SHOULD I BE A WITNESS?”

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Acts 2:41-47

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Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. ⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. ⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Why You Should Take a Reasonable Look at Your Church

**PRACTICAL LESSONS ABOUT THE LIFE, THE MINISTRY AND
THE INFLUENCE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH**

1.) Because that's what I am

1a.) I'm a witness to my Past

1b.) I'm a witness to my Present

1c.) I'm a witness to my Future

WHY SHOULD I BE A WITNESS?

2.) Because that's what Jesus is

2a.) When was Jesus Christ a witness?

John 8:29

*"And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone,
for I always do those things that please Him."*

His Motive was "for the Father"

When Am I a Witness for the Good ?

"When I do those things for the Father"

Matthew 6:10

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

When - All Times

At all times, every situation, 24/7

2b.) How was Jesus a witness?

He Kept the Commandments of God

How - Devoted

John 4:34

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work."

2c.) Where was Jesus a witness?

Everywhere Jesus Went, He was God's Witness

John 15:18-19

"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. ¹⁹ "If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."

He was Witness among his Friends

He was a Witness among his Followers

He was a Witness among his Foes

Where - Everywhere

1 Timothy 6:12-13

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate,

WHY SHOULD I BE A WITNESS ?

3.) Because that's what the Father is

3a.) The Father is a witness to the Bible

The Father - Confirming the Accuracy of the Bible

Matthew 24:14

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Confirming the Accuracy of the Bible

The Bible is Confirmed in Us – to the world

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Acts 13:47

"For so the Lord has commanded us: 'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.' "

3b.) The Father is a witness to the Prophets

The Father - Confirming those who God uses

The Biblical Prophets
(Old Testament prophets)

2 Peter 1:21

for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

3c.) *The Father is a witness to Jesus Christ*

The Father - Confirming Jesus as Lord and Savior

Jesus is Lord

PHILIPPIANS 2:10-11

THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, OF THOSE IN HEAVEN, AND OF THOSE ON EARTH, AND OF THOSE UNDER THE EARTH, ¹¹ AND THAT EVERY TONGUE SHOULD CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER.

Jesus is Savior

TITUS 2:13

LOOKING FOR THE BLESSED HOPE AND GLORIOUS APPEARING OF OUR GREAT GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST,

Jesus is Redeemer

ISAIAH 44:6

"THUS SAYS THE LORD, THE KING OF ISRAEL, AND HIS REDEEMER, THE LORD OF HOSTS: 'I AM THE FIRST AND I AM THE LAST; BESIDES ME THERE IS NO GOD.

Jesus is the Almighty

1 JOHN 5:20

AND WE KNOW THAT THE SON OF GOD HAS COME AND HAS GIVEN US AN UNDERSTANDING, THAT WE MAY KNOW HIM WHO IS TRUE; AND WE ARE IN HIM WHO IS TRUE, IN HIS SON JESUS CHRIST. THIS IS THE TRUE GOD AND ETERNAL LIFE.

WHY SHOULD I BE A WITNESS?

4.) *Because that's what the Holy Spirit is*

4a.) *The Holy Spirit is a witness to Sin*

The Holy Spirit is Eyewitness to all Sin and Wickedness
We will never know, we can never know,
the horror of sin and wickedness...

Revelation 5:6

And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

The seven eyes of the (S)pirit (Holy) language

Isaiah 11:2

(1) The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, (2) the Spirit of wisdom (3) and understanding, (4) the Spirit of counsel (5) and might, (6) the Spirit of knowledge and (7) of the fear of the LORD.

Perfect Knowledge

Grieved, Saddened, Sickened, Angered.

4b.) The Holy Spirit is a witness to Righteousness

There is not one deed, act or godly motive that
the Holy Spirit doesn't see.

1 John 4:13

*By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us,
because He has given us of His Spirit.*

Romans 8:16

*The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit
that we are children of God,*

It's the ministry of the Holy Spirit - to Encourage You

Ephesians 3:16

*that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with
might through His Spirit in the inner man,*

It's the ministry of the Holy Spirit - to Teach You

John 14:26a

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things..."

It's the ministry of the Holy Spirit to - Remind You

John 14:26b

...and He will bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 15:26-27

"But when the Helper (The Holy Spirit) comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will witness of Me. ²⁷ "And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

4c.) The Holy Spirit is witness to Judgment

It is the Holy Spirit Himself who
Plaques the Consciences of Man.

It is the Holy Spirit who

Puts the thoughts
of eternity,
of death,
of God,
of heaven,
of hell,
of devils
and of angels.

He Warns Us Over and Over Again
That there is a day coming when all things will conclude

WHY SHOULD I BE A WITNESS?

5.) Because that's what the World is

5a.) *The world is a witness to Suffering*

Suffering, Pain

We know internally that these things are Wrong

They are Witnesses to What's Right

5b.) *The world is a witness to Injustice*

Balanced Scales

Man's Desire for Justice, what is right

5c.) *The world is a witness to Evil*

Evil, Wickedness,

We know internally that these things are Wrong

WHY SHOULD I BE A WITNESS?

6.) *Because that's what we must be*

**As a Christian - My Life is Now Bigger
Then I Ever Imagined**

And now I live a bigger life

6a.) *This new life controls me*

In My Mind

6b.) This new life Possess me

In My Heart

6c.) This new life owns me

1 Corinthians 6:20

For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

What do I do now – I Live !!!

John 1:6-8

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. ⁸ He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

The Christian is a Witness

Acts 1:8-9

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

And left us here...

To Be Witnesses