

If Not You, then Who? Isaiah 6:8

So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I *am* a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts."
6Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal *which* he had taken with the tongs from the altar. 7And he touched my mouth *with it*, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged." 8Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "**Here *am* I! Send me.**" Isaiah 6:5-8 NKJV

To send is HE7971 shalach – to stretch out, extend or direct; to send.

We are sent to:

- dry places (Isaiah 35:6)
"Then shall the lame [man] leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert." KJV
- the community where people dwell (John 4:7-26)
- our encounters through everyday conversation (Acts 16:13 – 15)
- the place of employ, where through our character and actions toward others, salvation is realized

Consider Acts 16:28-34

Paul and Silas in prison, consider their **actions**, their **character** and the **result**.

Once we are there, what do we do and what do we say?

Acts 10:34-43 NET

³⁴Then Peter started speaking: "I now truly understand that God does not show favoritism in dealing with people, ³⁵ but in every nation the person who fears him and does what is right is welcomed before him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all) - ³⁷ you know what happened throughout Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ with respect to Jesus from Nazareth, that God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, because God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses of all the things he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him up on the third day and caused him to be seen, ⁴¹ not by all the people, but by us, the witnesses God had already chosen, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² **He commanded us to preach to the people and to warn them that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.** ⁴³ **About him all the prophets testify, that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."**

We must be **relatable**, therefore, we should consider our own redemption when conversing with lost people.

We are **proof** of Christ's redemption and are to **preach** the salvation message to lost **people**, which is the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We know who Jesus is to us, but do we ask "who is Jesus to you?" when encountering lost people in our community?

We are **proof** because family and friends remember our past; and if there is transformation they can see the redemptive power of Christ in our lives.

The proof is not just in what **we do**, but in whom we have **become**.

Paul reminds Timothy (and us) in 2 Timothy 4:5 KJV

"But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, **make full proof of thy ministry.**"

This means to carry out fully, to fulfill ministry in every part, to carry through to the end, to make **evident**; to entirely accomplish.

To make evident, there must be **demonstration** of that which is spoken or performed.

Mark 16:20 " and they went forth, and preached every where the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen."

Our lifestyle serves as demonstration.

Prayer, a word of knowledge, and a word of wisdom serves as demonstration as it captures the attention of the lost person.

What further do we say? A testimony ...

Romans 10:13-17

³For "*whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*" ¹⁴How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵And how shall they preach **unless they are sent**? As it is written: "*How beautiful are the feet of those who **preach the gospel of peace: Who bring glad tidings of good things!***" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "*Lord, who has believed our report?*" ¹⁷So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

We are sent to preach the gospel of peace, for how can the lost **believe**, unless they **hear**, and how can they hear, unless we **proclaim**!?

O how beautiful are the feet of those who share the gospel

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