HELEN SANDERS 12-16-2023 THE SENT ONES

As I was meditating on the word of God today, I heard "the sent ones." Then the Lord revealed something interesting to me.

We know the Christmas story how the angel Gabriel was "sent" by God to Mary to tell her about the baby she would conceive. God had a plan for Jesus before he was ever in the womb. He would be sent by the Father with an assignment. His assignment was to preach of the kingdom of God, and to lay down his life for all mankind.

The story does not end there. Father sent Jesus, but Jesus tells us in John 16:7 that He would also send the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has an assignment also. He brings comfort to those that are believers, but also draws the unbeliever to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior. He is sent to guide us into all truth. (John 16:13.)

Yet the story does not end there. John the Baptist was sent by God to be a forerunner like Elijah, preparing the way of Jesus. We are each also sent. In Mark 16:15 we have an assignment. We are told, "...Go ye into all the world (we are sent there by Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit) and preach the gospel to every creature."

This is the assignment for each of us. Christianity is not stagnant. It is to be active. We are to be people of faith listening to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and then doing the will of the Father. We may be sent to an area, near or far, or we may be sent to a neighbor. We may be sent to a pulpit, or we may be sent on our job to bring the gospel. Regardless, we each have an assignment. God is glorified when we go where he sends us and do what he bids us.

Where have you been sent to? If you do not know, then spend time in prayer and reading the word and you will hear your assignment. Then act in faith upon it.