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BEING A WITNESS

Over the years I have heard many say that they do not know how to be a witness for the Lord. Many have never been taught by their pastors, and even many pastors are more interested in their titles than teaching the sheep to be a witness.

In Matthew 28:19-20 Jesus is speaking to the remaining eleven disciples as he was about to ascend to the father. He left these final words as recorded by the Apostle Matthew. ***“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”***

I firmly believe that the last words of anyone are vitally important. Many call these words spoken by the Lord as the “great commission.” They are not the “great suggestion.” The eleven disciples were commissioned by the Lord to teach others all that they had learned from the Lord, and through their teaching, those they taught would also be able to teach others.

Pentecost came, but before it came Jesus gave further instructions. He told the disciples to go to Jerusalem and wait until the Holy Spirit came to empower them to be a witness. (Acts: 1:8.) This happened in Acts chapter 2.

Every person that has received the Lord as savior has the Holy Spirit dwelling in them. After Jesus’ resurrection he breathed on the disciples to receive the Holy Spirit. (John 20:22.) This happened before Pentecost, so they had already received salvation. In John 7:38-39 Jesus said, ***“He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, (this means salvation) out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit [Holy], which was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.”***

This living water flowed out of the 120 at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit that was within those that followed Jesus through receiving him as savior were gloriously baptized with the Holy Spirit. Out of their bellies flowed that living water as he promised, and they spoke with other tongues. These rough, often fearful fishermen, shepherds and followers now boldly gave forth a message in tongues causing three thousand listeners to ask Peter what they should do to receive salvation. The bold witness of those 120 brought three thousand to conviction. They then received salvation because of their witness.

Do not ever say that you can’t be a witness. Anyone that has received salvation can share their story and God will use you also. Can you imagine how many people would come to the Lord if everyone that never witnessed suddenly chose to do so? There would truly be a worldwide revival. It starts with each of us! Be the one that says, “I can make a difference.” and boldly share your story with others and watch God move in your life and in those that hear your story.