

Americas Evidence for Salvation

by Bob Utley

The sermon emphasizes the need for authentic and convicted living as the church, not just attending a building or an hour on Sunday.

Duration: 4:47

Scripture: Matthew 5:16, Matthew 7:21, James 1:22, 1 Peter 2:9

Topics: "True Faith", "Discipleship"

Description

This sermon challenges the notion that mere religious actions or events are enough to have a relationship with God. It emphasizes the need for genuine personal commitment, active involvement in spreading the Gospel, and living out one's faith consistently in all aspects of life. The speaker highlights the importance of being the true representation of Jesus in the world, rather than just going through religious motions.

Transcript

If you only believe, if you only receive, if you only walk down the aisle, if you only sign this track, then you've got a contract with God. You've got the promises of God. This is all there is.

Lie, lie, lie, from hell, a lie. God have mercy on me if I'm misinterpreting this. But if I'm misinterpreting this right, I pray I can loose the Holy Spirit on the whole place.

I'm sick of dead, irritated, arrogant, denominational, cultural, Christianity. Carries a cross around your neck, but not a crucified savior in your heart. That knows one or two Bible verses, but never has a desire to read the Bible personally.

Never has a desire to pray for world evangelization. Never has a desire to gather with God's people on a regular basis. We live in a church that more than half of our people come once every second Easter.

And we don't think there's a problem. Rotten to the core and don't know it. We'll give ten dollars in the offering plate to the Great Commission and send one of our membership as a missionary and never see that God has a plan for you.

That you are an integral part of God's plan to reach this community, this state, and this world. That every believer is a called, gifted, full-time minister of Jesus Christ or the New Testament is a lie. We've had it so easy so long that me being a New Testament preacher sounds radical to the American church.

What we want is somebody to pat us on the head, tell us how wonderful we are, and then leave them alone till next week when we gather in a building and think this is the church. You are the church sucker and everywhere you go the name of Christ is on your forehead. And if we are Christian chameleons that act and talk a certain way around certain people and totally change colors when we leave this building and go to work or go to school, God wants to throw up.

You are the only Jesus some people will ever know. You are the only Bible some people will ever read. You are the voice and hands and feet of a crucified Savior in the world today.

That's just the introduction. I don't know, but it's scary to me that the church today wants to do some religious event, some religious prayer, some religious action, some religious moment. They want a moment in time with Christ.

But they don't want to callum Christ. They want an experience. They want to keep going back and saying I remember when I jumped two feet.

Well what did you do at work last week? If we got your neighbors and family up here is there enough evidence to convict you of being a believer? Or is the only way we know is where you park your car one hour a week? Is church a building? Is church an hour? It is not. You are the church and people are watching. The parable of the soils is a penetrating word to an American apathetic, indifferent, non great commission.

What's in it for me? I'll see you next week. Church!

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