



Luke 19:10, “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

- 1) Jesus is the supreme example that our duty, as Christians, is to bring men and women to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2) The Great Commission is the supreme command to the church.

Matthew 28:19-20, “¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ 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.”

The word “teach” in verse 19 derives from the Greek word **matheteuo** (μαθητεω, math-ayt-yoo'-o) meaning to make disciples.

- 3) The soul of a man is of supreme value to God.

Mark 8:36, “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”

I. THE SOUL WINNER'S COMPASSION

A. THE MEANING OF COMPASSION (JUDE 22)

The word “compassion” is derived from the Latin **com** meaning “with”, and **passion** meaning to suffer.

Matthew 9:36, “But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.”

B. THE MOTIVE FOR COMPASSION (JUDE 21)

“The proper response to John 3:16 is I John 3:16.”

I John 3:16, “Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.”

I John 4:11, “Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.”

Romans 8:9, “But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”

“If you are not concerned about bringing the lost to Jesus Christ, I seriously doubt that you’ve been born again. How could someone have experienced such mercy and not want to share it with others?” – Dr. Adrian Rogers

Acts 1:8, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

C. THE METHOD OF COMPASSION (JUDE 22)

II. THE SOUL WINNER'S COMPULSION (JUDE 23)

The fire Jude talking is about is the eternal fire found in verse 7. – The fire of Sodom and Gomorrah went out. It was not eternal.

Matthew 10:28, “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”

Matthew 13:41-42, “⁴¹ The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; ⁴² And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 25:41 & 46, “⁴¹ Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels . . . ⁴⁶ And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.”

“To refuse to witness a saving Gospel to a lost world day by day is nothing short of high treason, spiritual rebellion, and inexcusable disobedience to His holy commands.” – Lee Scarborough (1870-1945)

“I would like to know what right any man has to call himself a follower of Jesus Christ if he is not a soul-winner.” – R. A. Torrey

“I had rather bring one soul to Jesus Christ than to unpick all the mysteries in the Divine Word. . . I would rather be the means of saving a soul from death than be the greatest orator on earth. I would rather bring the poorest woman in the world to the feet of Jesus than I would be made Archbishop of Canterbury. I would sooner pluck one single brand from the burning than explain all mysteries. To win a soul from going down into the pit, is a more glorious achievement than to be crowned in the arena of theological controversy.” – Charles Spurgeon

III. THE SOUL WINNER'S CAUTION (JUDE 23)

What Jude is saying at the end of verse 23 is that these people whom we are pulling out to save are moral lepers. In the Bible, sin is often illustrated by leprosy.

While the leper needed mercy, he was at the same time unclean. Because he was contagious, he was separated into a leper colony. And yet, God loved the leper. But one had to be careful when helping a leper that he didn't become contaminated himself. So, it is with the sin of the lost soul; sin is contagious.

Leviticus 13:52, “He shall therefore burn that garment, whether warp or woof, in woollen or in linen, or any thing of skin, wherein the plague is: for it is a fretting leprosy; it shall be burnt in the fire.”