

“Understanding the Witness of the Church- A Call to Action” 11/15/09

Acts 1:8

Sermon Series- “Understanding the Nature and Function of the Church”

Witness- one who provides a testimony of facts in a legal or non-legal sense; one who declares facts by 1st hand knowledge or experience; one who dies in giving forth a testimony-martyr

Creation- Psalm 19:1-3; Romans 10:14-20, especially verse 18

Angels- Revelation 19:10

The Scriptures- Psalm 19:7

Prophets- Deuteronomy 32:46; Hebrews 1:1-2

Humans- Isaiah 43:10-12; 44:8

Witnesses of Jesus as Messiah and God’s Son

God- **John 5:30-40**, miracles; voice- Matt 3:17; 17:5; John 12:28

Prophets/Scriptures- John 5:39; Acts 10:43

John the Baptist- John 1:7-8, 15, 19-27; 3:20; 5:32-34

Jesus- John 8:18; 3:11

Holy Spirit/US- **Luke 24:46-48**; Hebrews 10:15-16; **John 15:26-27**

Greatest Commandments- Matthew 22:34-40

POINT 1- To be a faithful witness we need to love_____

- A. First and foremost we realize that our witness is_____ (Matt 4:4; 2 Cor 5:15; Rom 6:11; 12:1; 14:8; Gal 2:19-20; John 12:43)

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men,” (Col 3:23)

Going *God wants us to know that He seeks for us to live effective for Him!*
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POINT 2- To be a faithful witness we need to love_____

- A. WE need to realize that we live our lives in front of the_____ (John 8:18; John 7:7; 14:31; 1 Corinthians 4:9-13; Titus 1:16)

- B. WE need to be living a life that confirms to the world that we are_____ (John 13:35; Phil 2:1-11; 1 Peter 4:8; Ephesians 4:10-13; Heb 12:1-3)

“Let your light shine before others” (Matt 5:16-plural ‘you’; 2 Cor 13:5)

Going *God desires for us to be a faithful witness to those around us!*
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