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Because Christians Were Silent!

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Christians have the God-given responsibility to share the Gospel and the truths from the Word of God. However, many believers have not done as they are biblically commanded. They are not the society-changing “salt” or the sin-revealing “light” God required them to be. As a result of many’s refusal, rebellion, and ignorance to do as they are commanded, others have suffered.

“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.” Mat. 5:13 Also: Mark 9:50, Luke 14:34.

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Mat. 5:16 Also: Luke 1:79, John 11:10.

Here are some of the damage and suffering that was caused by those that knew better but failed to uphold their responsibility.

- Millions of people will spend an eternity in Hell because they never heard the Gospel. Many Christians were “embarrassed,” ashamed, afraid, or too proud to tell them.

“How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?” Rom. 10:14

- Millions of people will live a life sinning and defiant to God because they never heard the truth nor ever saw a good Christian example.

“And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? 31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.” Acts 8:30

- Millions do not know what the Bible teaches as they have never heard biblical truths nor have seen one living the way God commands. Since they have never heard biblical truths, they have incorrectly supposed what they think the Bible teaches, made their own “religion,” or believed false teachings.

“For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.” Rom. 10:3 Also: Phil. 3:9.

- Millions think they are going to Heaven because of their good deeds they have done, as so many “Christians” have not taught them otherwise. That fallacy is the foundation of many false religions.

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.” Eph. 2:8-9

- Millions of people thought there was no difference between a Christian and the lost because they never

saw any variance between the two groups. They have not seen holy living. The toleration of sin by many confessing Christians have also added to the confusion of the lost.

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,” II Cor. 6:17

Some of those millions could be your loved ones, neighbors, or friends. They may suffer a terrifying eternity because of your closed lips. Share the truths of the Bible and Gospel now. It may be too late to change the godless direction of society, but at least a Christian can hear the “... Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things ...” from his Saviour, Jesus Christ (Mat. 25:21, 23), and he may make a great difference in some lives.

“If sinners are damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our dead bodies. And if they perish, let them perish with our arms wrapped around their knees. If Hell must be filled, let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let no one go unwarned.” — C. H. Spurgeon

Tell It Again

Hymn by Mary B. Slade, 1876

Into the tent where a gypsy boy lay,
Dying alone at the close of the day,
News of salvation we carried; said he:
“Nobody ever has told it to me!”

Refrain:

Tell it again! Tell it again!

Salvation's story repeat o'er and o'er.

Till none can say of the children of men,

"Nobody ever has told me before."

"Did He so love me, a poor little boy?

Send unto me the good tidings of joy?

Need I not perish? My hand will He hold?

Nobody ever the story has told!"

Refrain:

Bending we caught the last words of his breath,

Just as he entered the valley of death:

"God sent His Son! 'Whosoever,' said He:

Then I am sure that He sent Him for me!"

Refrain:

Smiling he said, as his last sigh he spent,

"I am so glad that for me He was sent!"

Whispered, while low sunk the sun in the west,

"Lord, I believe, tell it now to the rest!"

Refrain:

"If someone did not tell you, you would not have known! Go tell! Someone will listen. Someone is thirsting for the truth!" — B. B.

If I Don't, Who Will?

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“Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;” Ephesians 6:14

- I am a Christian. If I don't tell the unsaved how to keep from spending an eternity in Hell, who will?
- If I don't tell them that sin is wicked and destroys our lives and those around us, who will?
- If I don't tell them what God says is sin, who will?
- If I don't tell them that abortion is against God's commandments, who will?
- If I don't tell them that homosexuality (Lev. 18:22) is a chosen sin-style that angers God, who will?
- If I don't tell them that God's way is right, and all other ways are wrong, who will?
- If I don't tell them that God planned for man to have one wife and that both should be faithful to each other until death, who will?
- If I don't tell them that God has preserved His will and way in the King James Bible, so we will know exactly what He wants us to know, who will?
- If I don't tell them that everything that names itself “Christian” is not necessarily of God, who will?
- If I don't tell them that there is a real devil that doesn't want them to do what God wants them to, who will?
- If I don't tell them that it is the same devil that tempts, confuses, and deceives them so they will not know God's way or want to obey it, who will?

- If I don't show the world that there is a proper, rewarding, God-desired lifestyle, who will?
- If the unsaved world can't see that I am different from them, who will show them that there is a difference between those bound for Heaven and those bound for Hell?
- If my life is not an example of how good God is and that He is alive and still working in His children's lives, whose will?
- If I don't have the "guts" to stand up for what I believe, and what God's Word says, who will?

As a Christian, I have many responsibilities. Instead of sitting around and not being the Christian I should be, I need to be a light in this sin-darkened world. I need to start telling them — *now!*

"If people shared the Gospel like they do gossip, we'd have a major revival throughout the world." — *Author Unknown*