CHRISTIAN

A Job Description

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Our job as Christians is not to 'preach' as we are used to being preached to in most churches. Our job is to BE witnesses of Jesus Christ, in our homes, hometowns, surrounding areas, and to the ends of the Earth, (see Acts 1:8). Yes, we are expected to **PREACH** the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all creatures, (see Mark 16:15). However, along with the preaching the Gospel through us, God will set the **RIGHTEOUS STANDARD** in the Earth by the **POWER** of God working in our lives. Jesus drew great crowds of people, because they were drawn to the 'LIGHT', like moths to the flame. Out of LOVE, He went around doing good things for everyone who would receive. This is what we should do. When we speak forth God's Word truthfully, then He will confirm it with 'signs and wonders', (see Mark 16:20). It is not us that God confirms with His power and miracles, but His Word. The reason so many churches are dead and have no power, is that they do not preach the TRUE GOSPEL of Jesus Christ, which is one of **POWER**, (see Romans 1:16). When the **TRUTH** of God's Word is spoken, and a person **BELIEVES** it, (which is **FAITH**... that is believing the **TRUTH** spoken by God), then the **POWER** of God, (or the **ANNOINTING** – see Isaiah 10:27) is released to break the bondage, (or YOKE) that the devil and sin have put on us, such as sickness, poverty, fear, etc. These things are **DESTROYED** by the Power of God. This is what being a Christian is all about...kicking the rear end of the devil, (see Mathew 10:8 and Mark 16:15-20)!

We have only one purpose to be existing and walking the face of the Earth today, that purpose is to **DO WHAT JESUS DID**, and **DESTROY the WORKS of the DEVIL**, (see I John 3:8). We destroy the works of the Devil, (those works are **CHAOS** and **CONFUSION**), by restoring **ORDER**, through **LOVE**, the **LOVE of the FATHER**, [His name is *Adonai*, (see John 3:16 and Acts 10:38)]. We show our love by loving God and our neighbor, *even loving our enemies*, (see Matthew 5:44-48). This is how we will exhibit the **LOVE of the FATHER** and be **PERFECT** or *mature* as Christians, (see Matthew 5:48). God sent His only Son as a token of His love for **ALL** of us, (see John 3:16). *Jesus lived to die for us!* However, before he died, He suffered for us in order that we may have an **ABUNDANT LIFE**, (see John 10:10). If we are not living the abundant life, there is something missing, because it is already bought and paid for through Jesus Christ's sufferings. This is why He suffered even before He died to save us, (see Isaiah 53, especially vv. 5 & 6). This is what we are after, the Abundant Life through Jesus Christ, both here and in the hereafter.

Even though we should be living the abundant life, it will come at a cost. That cost is the *crucifixion*, (figuratively speaking) of the **FLESH**, (see Luke 14:26-35, John 6:63, Romans 8:1-15, I Corinthians 1:26-31, II Corinthians 5:14-21, Ephesians 4:17-25, Colossians 3:1-17). We must **FORSAK**E, (or put in the proper place in relation to God),

all that we are and have in this world, (see Romans 8:7 and James 4:4). We must be **WILLING to GIVE UP EVERYTHING** for the sake of Jesus. God may not actually ask us to give up everything but in our hearts, we must be *willing* to do it! This is a big price. We must be willing to pay it, or we cannot be **DISCIPLES** of **JESUS CHRIST**, (see Luke 14:33). God has to be **FIRST** in your life and heart, (see Luke 14:26).

The tough part of our job in the Lord Jesus Christ is that we will **SUFFER** as He suffered, and be **PERSECUTED** as He was persecuted. In order to study this out, review the following scriptures: Psalm 34:19, Mark 10:29-31 & 42-35, John 15:16-25, Romans 8:14-19, II Corinthians 1:3-10, II Corinthians 6:1-10, II Thessalonians 1:3-12, II Timothy 1:6-13 & Chap. 2:1 through Chap. 4:8, Hebrews 5:8-9, James 1:2-4. Much of this suffering will come at the hands of and through the so-called 'Church', (see Matthew 10:17 & 24:9, Mark 13:9, Luke 21:12-13, John 16:2, and Revelation 2:10). However, if we endure until the end, we will receive a **REWARD**, (see Matthew 24:13, Mark 13:13, II Corinthians 3:9-15, Revelation 2:10), *in this life and the next!* Now that you know what the job entails, will you still do it?

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