



Dedication to the Program

Luke 24:44-53

Moving Day and 18 people are standing around! “So, what is the program here?”

Question: Jesus is gone back to heaven, “So, what is the program here?”

Part of the Program is shown in Jesus’ final command: “Proclaim!”

First, we must be indwelt and controlled by the Holy Spirit. (v 49)

- When we trust Christ we have the Holy Spirit. *Indwelt.* Romans 8:9
- When we submit to His control the Holy Spirit has us. *Controlled.* Ephesians 5:18

Second, we must proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins to all the nations. (v 47)

- Proclaim:
- Repentance:
- Forgiveness of sins in Jesus’ name:
- All the nations:

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Since we have been reconciled to God and been given the ministry of reconciliation:

“Therefore, *we are ambassadors for Christ*, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” 2 Corinthians 5:20

Question: What would it look like for you to become a serious ambassador for Jesus?

“Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.

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- **Please read:** Luke 24:44-53 and 2 Corinthians 5:20, 21 each day.
- **Today.** As you think about the Spirit’s control in your life what do you see? Is there evidence of His control? Is there evidence of your attempts to control your own life apart from Him? What is the general character or tenor of your life?
- **Monday.** A “proclaimer” is someone who “declares a message widely with the goal of persuading, urging, or warning to comply with the message.” Why does Jesus make “proclaimers” out of all of us? Does that mean you? Is He serious about this or is it optional? What would it look like for you to be a better “proclaimer?”
- **Tuesday.** An “ambassador” is “someone who speaks on behalf of the one who has sent him or her with the message of the sender.” Why does Jesus make “ambassadors” out of all of us? Does that mean you? Is He serious about this or is it optional? What would it look like for you to be a better “ambassador?”
- **Wednesday.** The New Testament word for repentance does not mean “clean up your act and try to be better. It means “to change your mind at a heart-level about four things: God, Jesus, sin, and dead works.” What does it mean to change your mind at a mental level as opposed to a heart level?
- **Thursday.** What is the most exciting thing you have ever done in your life? Have you ever experienced the excitement of leading someone to faith in Christ? If so how do these two things compare?
- **Friday.** Was there a person or several people who were instrumental in bringing you to faith in Christ? What did they do? How do you feel about them today?
- **Saturday.** What one thing are you going to do in order to be a better “proclaimer” and “ambassador” for Christ?

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