

‘What Must I Do?’ Acts 16:31

Series title: Non-negotiables of the good news.

I. Every person must make a decision.

A. *ill. Nikolaus Ludwig van Zinzendorf and John Wesley.*

‘For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God, not as a result of works, that any should boast.’ Eph. 2:8,9 Praise God that He has provided a way for us to know Him, to have peace with God, to have even a personal relationship with Him.

B. But like any gift, it is not yours unless you take it. But it can be yours! Do you want to know God? Do you want to be a part of God’s family? Do you want to go to _____? Do you want your sins forgiven?

Then what must you do? This is where many slip up. They think just knowing these things, even believing these things, even liking these things so that one may go to church, give money, do some good works, is enough to qualify them as a Christian. No. Anybody can believe these things. Atheists can know all these things. Even the devil knows all these things, he even believes them, but he hates them. He fights against them.

John 1:12

Acts 16:31

The jailer asked perhaps the most important question one can ask: ‘what must I do to be saved?’ Here is the Bible answer to that question and it applies to everyone: ‘*believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.*’

C. To believe on Jesus means to sincerely trust Him, to commit your life to Him, to believe that He died on the cross for your sins. It means to repent of your sins and wanting to go God’s way, to trust in His Son. It’s so simple a little child can do it. Yet, it is a decision that every person must make.

Have you made that decision?

II. Thus the tremendous need for evangelism and missions.

A. Rom. 10:10-15. Jesus before He _____, gave us all a mission, we call it the great commission, to make disciples of all nations. This calls for evangelism and missions.

B. In too many churches, the desire for evangelism has dwindled because they don’t understand the gospel and they think that all paths lead to God, so why share the gospel if they’re going to make it there anyway? Yet, what did Jesus think of that idea? Jn. 14:6

III. God can use anybody and He loves to use young people.

A. We know God can use anybody. He wants us, no matter our age, to be available for His use. Having said that, it seems He also really likes to use young people. Why? Because young people are known for their simple, child-like trust, their humility, their willingness to make whatever changes are needed for God to use them.

B. One person used the illustration of _____ generations of horses running together in a race. The younger generations were like stallions; strong, gifted, passionate and having great potential. Yet, they needed to be trained to run with wisdom and endurance for the long haul. Along with the stallions, ran the older horses, offering encouragement and proper pacing, acting like trainers and coaches. There is great power and movement when you get three generations of horses running together.

Let us partner together with each generation to better reach this world with the gospel, to give each person that opportunity to say ‘yes’ to Jesus. For as I mentioned earlier, it’s not enough to just know about these things, but each person must place their faith, their trust in Jesus alone.