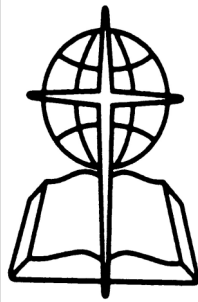


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Summoned to Witness!

You have been summoned to witness. Acts 1:8. The place to witness is in your neighborhood and all the way to the furthest nation. The resurrected Jesus gave His believers this urgent summons. He didn't say it would be easy or safe. But He did say the Holy Spirit would empower us. There are certain requirements necessary for any of us to be a good witness. Let us think about four of the requirements.

A witness must know something. Go to a court room and look at a witness on the stand. What is the first requirement? A witness must be knowledgeable about certain facts that are relevant to the subject. If a person does not know the facts, there is no need to appear in the courtroom. If the witness says when asked a question, "I think" the opposing attorney will arise and say, "I object your Honor! We are not interested in what this person thinks. We only need to hear what this witness KNOWS!" The judge will then sustain the objection. What is the 1st qualification for a witness of Jesus? The witness must know something. Paul certainly did. He said, "I know whom I have believed. 2 Timothy 1:12 A great Christian of another generation was asked on his 86th birthday how he felt about the next life now that he had reached such and advanced age. He replied, "I have been thinking . . . and in my declining days, I can say, I am not half so sure what the future life is like as I was forty years ago. But I am twice as sure that it is." How true! As we grow older, the details of heaven are not nearly as important as the certainty we have a place prepared in our Father's house. We know the steadfast hope of a home in heaven. We know our name is in the Lambs' book of life. We know we have a Friend in Jesus and that our Friend is preparing a place for us in heaven. A good witness must know somethings.

A witness must say something. Occasionally, we read of a witness who comes along years after a crime and gives a testimony that frees a prisoner from jail. If this person had been a witness at the trial, the prisoner never would have been convicted. This person knew facts but didn't tell them! The prisoner was convicted unjustly. To know about Jesus but fail to tell others is criminal! What if somebody had the remedy for a deadly disease and kept quiet? Many stores have been told of tragedies in people' live because of undelivered messages. The greatest tragedy is that many people have never been redeemed because some Christian failed to speak the proper word at the proper time. Our failure to ask someone to call on Jesus to rescue them may be the only reason that people does not enjoy abundant and eternal life. Some people never become Believers because good people who know Jesus just do not invite others to ask Jesus for forgiveness.

A good witness must be something. Many testify they are not believers because of un-Christ-like believers. Gandhi attended a Christian school and was disillusioned. It is reported that he said, "I would have been a Christian if it had not been for Christians". We need to examine our way of life regularly to see if the is anything that is there to discourage unbelievers from trusting in our Savior.

In the courtroom a witness may know something and say something but if the opposing attorney discredits what we said, then our testimony will fail to help. All our verbiage will be like foolishness unless our lives are consistent with our testimony.

A witness must know someone! The first call is for us to become a person who trusts the work of Jesus to make us children of God. John 1:12. A witness must be born again otherwise we have no beginning and work toward no end. A witness must know someone. He is Jesus! If you are not a Christian become one today! That is the first step. If you know Jesus, you are a witness. Be a good one. Seek to be wise as you testify but do not fail to let others know, both with you lips and your life.

You have the power of the Spirit who dwells inside you. You have the power of the Word of God that is promised to produce fruit. You have the command. Start in your neighborhood and go all the way to the remotest nation.

**BIBB COUNTY SAV-A-LIFE 2021
GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER
CAHABA FALLS COUNTRY CLUB
JUNE 19th, 8:30 AM
REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8AM
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**

**Three Person Scramble \$150 Entry Fee
\$25 Challenge Package (per player)**

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**FOUR POINTS BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021**

**MESSAGE: BRO. JOEL FREDERICK
MUSIC BY "GRACE LIFE PRAISE TEAM"**

**MEAL: 5:00 PM
MEETING: 6:00 PM**

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