

North Christian Church -

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8/30/16 - The Great Commission To Love

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If someone responds positively to the Gospel, whether they are just seeking or actually become a believer, we must take them under our wing, as a privileged personal assignment from the Lord, who "is with you always".

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The church letters are the apostles obeying Jesus' words, teaching them to observe all that He commanded.

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When you have evangelized someone, you have a child of God placed in your temporary custody. You have a spiritual infant in your hands, and that child needs your love and guidance, so they don't wander aimlessly in the spiritual wilderness, being attacked by spiritual wolves who pull them away from Christ.

New Converts

The truly converted will have a new thirst for truth, a hunger for it (a false profession will not produce the same results). To leave one of God's children "starving" is to violate the Great Commission. We ought to help them find a place to be fed (eg: Eph 4:11-12).

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With the love of Christ in our hearts, to whatever degree we've been given, we are to care for one another, especially our fellow believers.

Showing the Love of God

Why do you think the Lord (and his disciples) fed and healed so many people throughout His ministry? Why wasn't it always simply preaching the gospel alone? Was it to SHOW and PROVE the love God has for us?... to open up the hearts of men to the gospel?

Showing the Love of God

We know the doubting hearts we as human beings can have. And the Lord knew our weakness, and in grace "fed" us what we needed, to open our hearts to the love of God. And we can do the same for others.

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Let us invite them to the table to dine on the very bread of life with us!

Who to Honor?

We believers need to change our perspective. We, especially in America, have been trained by the world to honor the beautiful and the rich. WE'VE BEEN WRONG! 1 Cor 12:20-26

The Local Church

Most converts are already addicts, addicted to the world system. For years they have been intoxicated by it. Just because a person gets "clean" through a detox program (eg. saved), it doesn't mean they're no longer tempted! Recovered addicts require support programs (eg. spiritual addicts require churches).

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Therefore, it's our job as loving members of Christ to reach out and go out of our way, to ask THEM what we can do, and to OFFER our services to them, and not make them "beg" for help.

The Local Church Mission

Once a person is saved, their first objective is to keep on learning the Word of God (imagine the attacks!). If/when we evangelize someone, we ought to encourage them to attend a sound church, under a sound pastor, such as w/ NCC. Our relationship with new believers shouldn't end after the Gospel presentation!!!

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This is our work AND our sanctification in time!...to LOVE!!! Handing out tracts is a show of love...but fostering a relationship IS love.

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Experiential Sanctification is actually "being" someone...not just knowing what you're supposed to be. The righteous man will LIVE by faith.

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Paul purposefully and from the heart went out and became all things to all men, in hopes of saving some.

Merriam-Webster Dictionary on "seek"

: to search for (someone or something) : to try to find (someone or something)

: to ask for (help, advice, etc.)

: to try to get or achieve (something)

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It's not about us, at all! It's about Him and His grace and His glory, and it's about obeying His commands without questioning them or making excuses, out of love and gratitude for The Lord.