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Praising God for you!

Phil 1:21-24 - Paul speaking on behalf of all believers states that the best place for every believers to be is in heaven, and there should be no ambiguity about this. Every human pursuit and endeavour is for comfort and happiness and this of course is what God ultimately wants for every human being and this is what He has prepared for us in heaven.

Then why are we here with all the attendant troubles in this world?

Eph 4:11-12 - Every believer is left here on earth to <u>WORK</u> and not to acquire. We are here to do God's work. The purpose of God for us on this earth, it not just to meet our needs and make life comfortable for His people. The meeting of our needs is wrapped up in our purpose and fulfilling them. So we need rather to be purpose minded and oriented than need minded and oriented. The awesome promises of God in His word is to equip us for His work, to influence the world for Him.

What is the Work of God?

Acts 20:24 - The church has been in a dilemma about what constitute the WORK OF GOD. To some, it is about feeding the hungry. To others it about providing medical aid to the many diseases that has plagued our world. And to some others, it about providing shelter for the homeless. Many more see putting up, hospitals, schools and even church buildings as the work of God. In actual fact some churches make the building of a church edifice as their supreme mission. As good, noble and necessary as these ventures are, you will agree with me that none of these can SAVE MAN FROM SIN AND ETERNITY IN HELL which of course is the cardinal activity of the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8

John 1:29, Isaiah 53:6 So in the light of scripture, what constitutes the WORK OF GOD? Let us first consider what Jesus came to do to help us form a firm foundation as to what constitute the work of God. The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Jesus assignment was in two fold although one mission. The first was to take away the sin of the human race by His suffering and death. And secondly to purchase a place for us in heaven by his resurrection. Rom 6:23b,1Tim 1:15 So basically Jesus came to take away the barrier between man and God and to reconcile us back to our original place with God. In Summary,

JESUS CAME TO SAVE MAN FROM SIN AND ETERNITY IN HELL. This is what constitutes the work of God. All the other things and activities listed are to compliment the work.



And the work of bringing all men back to God is what has been committed to us and for which we are not in heaven but still in this world. The means of reconciling the world to Him is through the preaching of the gospel. And this is what God has called you and me to be doing and to prepare His congregation for. **2Cor** 5:18

Of course, we are at liberty to build edifices of all shapes and sizes. Build schools, feed the poor, do great social service, even to give ourselves all the beauty and comforts we desire; but if all we do, does not ultimately lead people to Christ, we must critically re-evaluate it. For every resource, time we spend on any of these things, it will only be justified, if we have spent at least equal resources and time in the effort of soul winning.

The trillion dollar question is, has the essence of this scripture changed? And should our focus and priority be anything different from that of Jesus who has called us to do his work?

John 4:34-36- As disciples and followers of Christ, can our desires and purposes in life be different from that of Jesus?

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A passion for Jesus should become a passion of telling others about Him; everybody is valuable to God, but the Gospel is the most valuable thing to everybody. You are a favorite of heaven for sharing it. The measure of a man's character is not how great his faith is, but how great his love is. And the greatest love you can show to anyone is to share the gospel with him or her.

Or you can help in providing resources to send people to share the gospel.

Rom 10:14-15

The gospel may sound foolish, unintelligent, unacceptable, illogical to people. But it is God's method of saving man because it produces God's power. (Rom 1:16)

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Good News Center

Accra, Ghana.

With your help, Able's evangelists in Ghana, Nigeria, Benin and Burkina Faso have lead 98,029

to first time commitments to Jesus in the year 2024!

+ **Romans 10:9-10** "That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY!

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