



# THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

## CHRIST THE LORD PARISH

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**THEME: ABUNDANT GRACE**

**DIGGING DEEP**

**TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025**

**TOPIC: THE BELIEVERS MANDATE –THE CONSEQUENCES OF NEGLECTING IT**

**TEXT: Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 9:26**

**INTRODUCTION:** The believers' mandate is a command to the believers from our God and our Father. No father will be happy if his child continually neglects his mandate. (A rebellious son is a grief to his father and a bitter blow to his mother. **Pro. 17:25 TLB**) As our God – who rules by decrees and laws, there are consequences when His laws are neglected. (**Ezra 7:26, Jam 2:10**). We will look at some of these consequences in this study because ignorance does not excuse us from them.

### THE IMPLICATIONS

1. Neglecting the mandate is denying the Gospel. When you don't, you portray that you are ashamed of the gospel; and specifically of the Lord Jesus. **Rom. 1:16, Lk. 9:26**
2. Neglecting the mandate is denying the power - You are saying that you don't believe in the power of the Gospel to transform people. **Rom. 1:16, 2 Cor. 5:17**

### THE DANGERS

1. You will have Blood-soaked Hands. **2 Cor. 5:10-11, Ezk. 33:18-21**

And nothing else may be acceptable from your hand. **1 Chr. 17:4**

Yes, some people will reject the good news of salvation you offer them but as **Ezk. 3:19** tells us, such people will die in their sins but you won't be responsible for their demise in hell and you will have no blood in your hands.

2. You will disgrace yourself. **1 Cor. 15:34**
3. Angels will not obey you. **Heb. 1:14, Lk. 12:8,9**
4. Eternal shame. **Mk. 8:38**
5. Divine curse. **Jer. 48:10**

### THE DAMAGES

1. **Fewer Church Members.**

The Souls are out there and have to be brought into the church. **Matt. 9:37, Lk. 14:23**

2. **Enlargement of hell. Isa. 5:14**

Hell enlarges itself daily as thousands of unsaved souls are dying daily. So each day you neglect the mandate you are a contributor to this enlargement.

3. **We could bring serious spiritual harm to our country. Gen. 18:23-33**

Lot had not won anyone to a saving knowledge of the Lord, and thus the cities were destroyed. I wonder if this same principle does not apply to our great land. If we abandon soul-winning, would that hasten God's judgment upon our nation?

A nation with a majority of genuine Christians is far better off than a nation without Christians or with Christians in the minority. **Pro. 14:34**

### YOU ARE AT RISK OF:

1. **Losing Your Heavenly Reward. Dan. 12:32, 1 Thess. 2:19, Rev. 3:11**

So, if you don't want to lose the precious rewards that come with soul-winning, go out there and win as many souls as possible as there is no excuse for you to meet the Lord empty-handed without any soul for Him in the age of technology we live in.

2. **Losing Your Loved Ones Eternally.**

Not being a soul winner who wins many perishing souls out there through personal evangelism could put you at risk of losing your loved ones to hell forever. **Lk. 16:27,28**

3. **Ending up in hell. Jam. 4:17, 1 Sam. 15:23**

### CONCLUSION.

I hope the above consequences of not winning souls to Jesus Christ will act as a wake-up call for you to start winning souls to Christ if you haven't been doing so until now. Great rewards await you in heaven if you labour for the Lord by turning many from wickedness to righteousness. Let saving a lost soul from hell be your ultimate priority in life.