

Why We Can Make A Difference

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Acts 28:30-31

Four motives behind the mission:

Colossians 1:24-29

1. This can't be _____.
2. I have _____ to share.
3. I have _____ to share it with.
4. This can't be _____.

Two fundamental questions are now answered:

Galatians 2:20

1. Who _____?
2. What _____?

Why this is so important:

2 Peter 3:9, Hebrews 9:24-28

There are two things we will never get in Heaven:

Our friends and family who don't _____.

Another opportunity to _____ them.

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Four motives behind the mission:

Colossians 1:24-29

1. This can't be **ABOUT ME**.
2. I have **GREAT NEWS** to share.
3. I have **PEOPLE** to share it with.
4. This can't be **ABOUT ME**.

Two fundamental questions are now answered:

Galatians 2:20

1. Who **AM I**?
2. What **DO I DO**?

Why this is so important:

2 Peter 3:9, Hebrews 9:24-28

There are two things we will never get in Heaven:

Our friends and family who don't **KNOW CHRIST**.

Another opportunity to **SHARE WITH** them.

Food for Thought for the week of March 28, 2021

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. This weekend we were reminded of the importance of prioritizing the eternal over those things that are only temporal in our lives. As you read the following passages, what words or phrases most stand out or speak to you and why?

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

James 4:13-17 New International Version (NIV)

¹³Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." ¹⁴Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

Hebrews 12:1-2 New International Version (NIV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

2. In Colossians 3:12, the Apostle Paul gives us clear instruction on how we should present ourselves to others. In 1 Peter 3:15, Peter similarly encourages believers about how to share our faith, echoing one of the traits Paul lists and adding still another. As you read and consider each attribute in these passages, which are the easiest or most natural for you to exhibit and which are most difficult?

Colossians 3:12 New International Version (NIV)

¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

1 Peter 3:15 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁵But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...

3. As you consider the final points Chris made in his teaching regarding the two things we will never get in Heaven, who in your life comes to mind that you want to be praying for?