

CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

“RESCUE THE PERISHING”

(Eze 3:7-9)

INTRODUCTION:

The Hymn “Rescue the Perishing” was written by Frances “Fanny” Cosby and is used as the title for this message. As Believers, let us heighten our duty as soul winners – warning the unsaved that “The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom 6:23).

In this message, we will study three characteristics of the Believer as it relates to “Rescue the Perishing.”

- I. The Believer’s Compassion (Jude 22)
 - A. Mature Believers are to have compassion toward others.
 - B. Mature Believers are to have compassion toward the unsaved (1 John 2:22-23; 4:2-3). We must warn the unsaved of God’s judgment and the danger of eternal doom if they reject and deny Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.
 - C. Mature Believers are to deal with weak and doubting Christians as well as the unsaved with Love, Patience and Mercy – the same way in which the Lord dealt with us (Jude 21).
 - D. Mature Believers are to have the compassion of Christ toward the weak Christians and the unsaved (Matt 9:36).

- II. The Believer’s Compulsion (Jude 23a)
 - A. The fire in this verse is symbolic of the flames of Hell and separation from God.
 - B. Believer’s should care for those dying in sin – the Unsaved (2 Thess 1:8-10; Heb 10:27; Matt 10:28; 13:41-42; 25:41, 46)
 - C. Believers should compel the unsaved to come to Jesus for salvation and eternal life (Luke 14:23; John 5:40; Mark 8:36; Luke 16:19-31).

- III. The Believer’s Caution (Jude 23b)
 - A. As mature Christians, as we are dealing with unsaved people that we are “pulling out of the fire,” we must use caution, lest we become contaminated by sin ourselves.
 - B. As mature Christians, we must guard ourselves when reaching out to others to share the Gospel (Mark 2:15-17; Heb 4:15; John 8:11).

Quotations on Soul-Winning:

- “Every man here, every woman here, every child here whose heart is right with God, may be a soul-winner.” – Charles Spurgeon

- “The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed” (Hudson Taylor). The Great Commission is the Supreme Command of the church (Matt 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-18; Acts 1:8).

- Put your ear down to the Bible and hear Him bid you go and pull sinners out of the fire of sin.” – William Booth

- “When preaching and private talk are not available, you need to have a tract ready. Get good striking tracts or none at all. But a touching Gospel Tract may be the seed of Eternal Life. Therefore, do not go out without your tracts.” – Charles Spurgeon

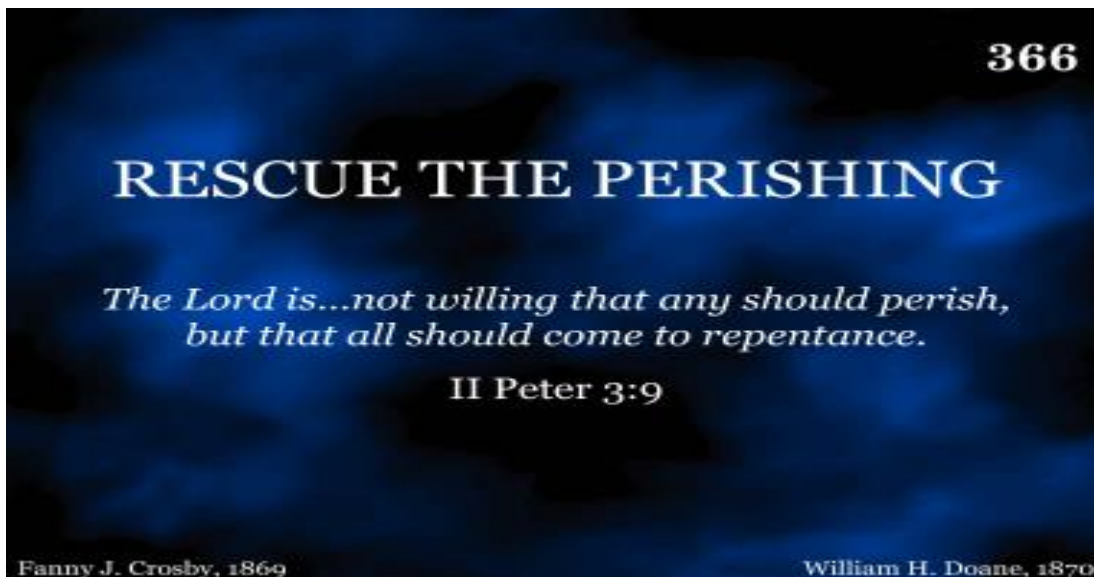
CONCLUSION:

A. A man in Sussex, England, gives this testimony: "I believe I can attribute my conversion, through the grace of God, to one verse of that precious hymn, 'Rescue the perishing.' I was far away from my Saviour and living without a hope in Jesus. I was very fond of singing hymns, and one day I came across this beautiful piece, and when I had sung the words, 'Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness, Chords that were broken will vibrate once more,' I fell upon my knees and gave my heart to the Lord Jesus Christ. From that hour I have followed him who, through this verse, touched my heart and made it vibrate with his praises ever since." -(Breadsite.org)

B. This is the 3rd stanza and refrain of the hymn “Rescue the Perishing:

Down in the human heart, Crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;
Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,
Chords that were broken will vibrate once more.
Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying;
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.

C. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)



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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).