

## Passion, Compassion, Fire & Zeal

As the bride of Christ and the servants of the Most High King, it is essential that we have an intense enthusiasm and sympathetic pity for reaching out to the lost, as well as a deep, burning fervor for the Lord Jesus Christ.

**We Must have a Passion for the Lost!!!**

As the witnesses of Jesus Christ, we must be diligent about the work of the Lord.

### **Luke 14:33-35**

33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that **forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.**

34 **Salt is good:** but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?

35 It is **neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill;** but men cast it out. **He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.**

### **Romans 9:1-5**

1 I say the truth in Christ, **I lie not**, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

2 That **I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.**

3 For **I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:**

4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;

5 Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

**O Lord, Give us a Burden for the Lost!!** Let us learn from the Apostle Paul, of this kind of passion. Pray and seek the Lord, that you too, would have a burden for the lost!!

### **Matthew 18:11-14**

11 **For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.**

12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?

13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, **he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.**

14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

**We Must have a Compassion for the Lost!!!**

### **Matthew 9:35-38**

35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, **teaching** in their synagogues, and **preaching** the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

36 But when he saw the multitudes, **he was moved with compassion** on them, **because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.**

37 Then saith he unto his disciples, **The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;**

38 **Pray ye therefore** the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

**Let us pray to be labourers in the Lord's harvest.**

### **John 4:35-37**

35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? **behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.**

36 And **he that reapeth** receiveth wages, and **gathereth fruit unto life eternal**: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

### **Ephesians 5:14-16**

14 Wherefore he saith, **Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead**, and Christ shall give thee light.

15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 **Redeeming the time**, because the days are evil.

### **Romans 13:11-12**

11 And that, **knowing the time**, that now **it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.**

12 **The night is far spent, the day is at hand:** let us therefore **cast off the works of darkness**, and let us **put on the armour of light.**

### **Jude 1:20-23**

20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith,  
**praying in the Holy Ghost,**

21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

22 And **of some have compassion,** making a difference:

23 And **others save with fear,** pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

**We Must have a Deep, Burning Fire for the Lord Jesus Christ!!!**

### **Jeremiah 20:7-9**

7 O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me.

8 For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily.

9 Then I said, **I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name.** **But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.**

**HALLELUJAH!!!!** Do you have the Fire shut up in your bones????

### **Luke 3:16**

16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:**

Praise God!!!! We have the Spirit of God, **the Holy Ghost Fire!!!**  
Joy unspeakable!! Full of Glory!!

### **Hebrews 12:29**

29 For **our God is a consuming fire.**

Let your light so shine before men!!

O Lord Consume us with the Holy Ghost Fire, and Let your Word Burn in our Hearts!!

**We Must be Zealous for the Lord Jesus Christ!!!**

The Lord Jesus Christ is looking for a red hot Church that is desirous of pleasing Him and fulfilling His will of being His witnesses.

### **Revelation 3:13-22**

13 **He that hath an ear, let him hear** what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15 I know thy works, that thou art **neither cold nor hot**: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then **because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.**

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, **that thou mayest see.**

19 **As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.**

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, **I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.**

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

22 **He that hath an ear, let him hear** what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Let us not be caught cold or lukewarm. For we have been told the result of this path. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

### **Romans 10:1-4**

1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

2 For I bear them record that **they have a zeal of God**, but not according to knowledge.

3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

4 For **Christ is the end of the law for righteousness** to every one that believeth.

### **Hear the story of the Zeal of Apostle Paul!!**

#### **Acts 7:55-60; 8:1-4**

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58 And cast him out of the city, and **stoned him**: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, **whose name was Saul.**

59 And **they stoned Stephen**, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, **Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.** And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

8:1 **And Saul was consenting unto his death.** And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

3 **As for Saul**, **he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.**

4 **Therefore** they that were scattered abroad went every where **preaching the word.**

#### **Acts 9:1-6**

1 **And Saul**, yet breathing out **threatenings and slaughter against the disciples** of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?**

5 And he said, **Who art thou, Lord?** And the Lord said, **I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.**

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, **Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.**

What this illustrates is the **Zeal of Apostle Paul for doing the work of the LORD**, though he did not yet understand that the LORD was Jesus Christ!! He was so zealous for God, that he went house to house wreaking havoc on the church. He persecuted the people of God. He was so zealous for the Lord, that he went unto the high priest and sought letters that he might be able to continue his pursuit of the Christians as they fled from him.

### **Acts 9:7-16**

7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.

9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, **Ananias**. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto him, **Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,**

12 **And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.**

13 **Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:**

14 **And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.**

15 But the Lord said unto him, **Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:**

16 **For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.**

### **Philippians 3:4-17**

4 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:

5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;

6 **Concerning zeal, persecuting the church;** touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

7 But what things were gain to me, **those I counted loss for Christ.**

8 Yea doubtless, and **I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,**

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

10 That **I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;**

11 **If by any means** I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but **this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,**

14 **I press toward the mark** for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, **let us mind the same thing.**

17 Brethren, **be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.**

### **Hebrews 12:1-2**

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and **let us run with patience the race that is set before us,**

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.