

The sub-theme for this quarter (October – December) is “Spreading Gospel”. To spread the gospel is the commission given by the Lord Jesus to his disciples. The Bible tells us that, before His Ascension, Jesus said to His disciples, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)

We work hard to spread the gospel because we love the Lord. Apart from obeying His command, we spread the gospel because people need the good news, though they are not willing to recognise their own spiritual poverty and to seek the Creator – Jesus Christ.

During the World War II, the Battle of El Alamein between the British and German armies at Northern Africa was very tragic. As the logistics of the German army was suspended, the German soldiers pierced a water pipe by gun for drinking water, which was later known to be a sea water pipe. The more they drank the water, they more they were thirsty. They were so exhausted that they had to surrender to the enemy.

Likewise, today people would surrender to Jesus Christ's gospel only when they realise that the materials they have pursued in the world are just like the sea water drunk by the German army. Furthermore, they need someone to tell them the good news, so as to let them know that only the Christ can satisfy their hearts.

Jesus said, “They are ripe for harvest.” (John 4:35). As Christians, we should be pro-active to spread the gospel. We have not done so because we do not see its importance to people and have ignored their needs. Therefore we have not exposed to others the precious gospel that God gave us.

Fritz Kreisler, a very famous violinist, is a kind and charitable performer. One day he found a very rare violin which he was prepared to buy by working harder. Unfortunately, a collector swiftly bought the violin before Fritz did so. Despite Fritz' repeated persuasions, the collector was unwilling to re-sell the violin to him. Fritz then earnestly requested if he could play a song before he left. His music was so touching that the collector was willing to let him have the violin. This is because the collector understand that it is much better to let the violin master, who can truly use this treasure, bring beautiful music to the world, than to keep it in his luxury house.

Similarly, we should reflect whether we are a collector or a performer of the gospel. People need the gospel to save their souls. This is the most important point. I hope that we all are determined to be a performer of the gospel.

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We should work hard to spread the gospel eagerly for two reasons: we are to follow God's command to spread the gospel that people need; we do not know when the door of gospel will be closed. Dwight Moody, a great evangelist, had a very bitter experience when he was holding an evangelistic meeting at Chicago which many people attended. He closed the meeting by saying, “Go home and think carefully. I hope that tomorrow you will be able to decide whether you are willing to accept Jesus as your saviour.” No one knew that on the following day there was a disastrous fire in which many people died. It is a pity that those who died in the fire could no longer attend the evangelistic meeting held on the following day. Therefore, brothers and sisters, we must have the sense of urgency to spread the gospel; do not wait until tomorrow because we do not know what will happen tomorrow.

Brothers and sisters, let us think of our dearest family members, relatives, neighbours, and those who are yet knowing Jesus Christ. Pray that God will enrich our love, courage and wisdom when we tell them the good news. This is what God pleases.