



must preach God's Gospel persistently. Paul tells Timothy to preach it, **"in season and out of season,"** when people want to hear it and when they don't want to hear it, when they're ignorant and when they're arrogant.

You know, it may seem simple to say that the solution to

people not coming to God is to educate them, but it really is that simple. Fulfilling the Great Commission is the solution to failing the Great Commission. Truly, it is a "great" commission, not just in its scope, but in its importance. The words of Jesus are of the utmost importance because they are the words of eternal life (John 6:68), the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16-17), and the words that will judge us all in the Last Day (John 12:47-50; 2 Corinthians 5:10). Yes, this charge God has given to His followers is a great responsibility on our part. But, it is a great honor to serve the King Most High in fulfilling this great commission. Let us always strive to do the best we can in obeying this great command of Jesus and may God continue to bless us in this endeavor. Amen.



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Why Don't People Come to God?

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In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus tells His disciples to, **"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age. Amen."** We who are His followers are commanded to preach His message, the Gospel, to every creature of every nation with the purpose of making the hearer a fellow follower of Jesus Christ. This command is one of the last things Jesus said to His disciples before He ascended back into Heaven. This command is something that His followers have taken very seriously and have tried to fulfill since the command was issued. And, even though this is a command from the Most High God and something His followers greatly emphasize, there are still people who don't become His disciples. So, the logical question one must

ask is this: why is it that people don't come to God through His chosen channel, His Beloved Son, Jesus the Christ?

In order to answer that question, we must understand one thing right off the bat: it's not God's fault or His word's fault that people don't come to Him. People will claim that



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the omniscient God doesn't know what the best way is to get people to come to Him. Because they believe that, they will add to and take away from His will found in His word. They will say that we need a contemporary style worship service or the Social Gospel or even a coffee shop to draw people "to God." What these people seem to forget is the inspired words of Paul in Second Timothy 3:16-17 when he said, "**All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.**" Let us never listen to the lies of Satan and think for one minute that God does not know the best way to do something or that He has not made readily available to us the tools that are required to fulfill one of His commandments. So, let us never blame God or the Bible for why people don't come to Him.

So, why don't people come to God? Very simply put, it comes down to two reasons: ignorance and arrogance. If someone doesn't believe in God or in Jesus or in His word (the Bible), either they are ignorant of God, Jesus, and His word or they are somewhat aware of them but they just care more about serving themselves than serving God. Outside of

these two reasons, there are no other reasons why people don't come to God; it is either that they don't know or that they don't care. Either way, what we have on our hands is a problem of education. People are ignorant of God, Jesus, and His word because somebody, somewhere, for some reason, didn't properly educate them about these things. Further, people are arrogant when it comes to God, Jesus, and His word because they haven't been properly educated to understand just how important these things really are.

As Christians, as recipients of the Great Commission, what do we need to do? First and foremost, we must arm ourselves against these two great foes with the Sword of the Spirit, the word of God (Ephesians 6:17). It is truly sharper than any two-edged sword and able to cut to the heart of anyone who listens (Hebrews 4:12) and it is "**mighty in God for pulling down strongholds and casting down arguments and every high things that exalts itself against the knowledge of God**" (2 Corinthians 10:4-5). The only way we can arm ourselves with this powerful weapon is by giving attention to reading it (1 Timothy 4:13), by studying

how to rightly divide this word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15), and by meditating upon these things (1 Timothy 4:15). In addition, once we have properly armed ourselves, we must "**preach the word**" as Paul commands Timothy in Second Timothy 4:2. We need to do our best to properly educate people about God, Jesus, and His word and why these things are more important than anything else. And, we must preach His message in a compassionate (Mark 6:34) and patient (2 Timothy 4:2, NASB) manner, understanding that we wield a sword that pierces the heart and not a club with which to beat others over the head. Finally, we