

REDIRECTION RESPONSIBILITY

Acts 26:16-20

The heaven-bound are responsible for redirecting the hell-bound.

I. PAUL'S COMMISSION (16-18)

A. JESUS SAYS HEAR ME (16-17)

1. The Command (16a)
 - A call to action and conviction
2. The Conditions (16b-17)
 - Christ's appearance, appointment, assurance and apostle

B. JESUS SAYS HELP THEM (18)

1. Help them see (18a)
 - a. Because the lost are blind - II Cor. 4:4
 - b. Awaken them to their condition - Is. 42:7
2. Help them turn from evil (18b)
 - a. Turning them from darkness to light - Eph. 4:18-19
 - b. Turning them from Satan to God - Eph. 2:1-5
3. Help them receive salvation (18c)
 - a. Forgiveness of sin > The guilt is gone
 - b. Inheritance with saints > Adopted as a child of God's - Gal. 4:6-7
 - c. Dependence on Christ > Faith in Him alone

II. PAUL'S COMPLIANCE (19-20)

A. NO DISOBEDIENCE (19)

1. A Confidence: Can we look an unbeliever in the eye and assure them that what we've shared with them is what God commands?
2. A Consideration
 - a. We disobey when we disregard our commission
 - b. We disobey when we ignore the lost around us

B. CONTINUAL DECLARATION (20)

1. To Everyone (20a) > Locally, regionally and globally
2. The gospel (20b)
 - a. That they should repent - See Acts 3:19
 - b. That they should turn to God
 - c. That conversion demands consecration - See Matt. 7:20

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III. OUR CONDUCT

- Lest we excuse ourselves from this redirection responsibility

A. BE FAITHFUL - I Peter 2:9

1. Our Privilege
 - A chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession
2. Our Purpose
 - To proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light

B. BE USEFUL - Ephesians 5:8-12

1. A Worthwhile Walk: As children of Light (8-9)
2. A Worthwhile Worship: Trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord (10)
3. A Worthwhile Way: Not participating in the deeds of darkness (11-12)

C. BE GRATEFUL - Colossians 1:12-14

1. The Responsibility: Giving thanks to the Father (12a)
2. The Reasons
 - a. He qualified us (12b)
 - b. He rescued us (13a)
 - c. He transferred us (13b)
 - d. He redeemed us (14)

CONCLUSION:

“The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, To turn aside from the snares of death.”
- Proverbs 13:14

We must ask ourselves:

1. Are we teaching God's truth?
2. Are we turning others from despair?

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