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FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS GO TO HELL

We have often seen billboards or commercials that said "Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk". I agree with that sentiment, but there is another statement about friends that is even more important. Here it is. "Friends Don't Let Friends Go To Hell!" We all like to do things with our friends. We like to go hunting, go fishing, go golfing, go shopping or go out to eat with our friends. But would it not be awful to do all those things with our friends and then to have that friend die and go to hell?

Jesus was called "a friend of sinners" twice in the Gospel of Matthew 11:19 and Luke 7:34. That was true because Jesus said, "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5:31-32) If Jesus was a friend of sinners, we should be also - somehow, someway!! You say, "I don't have any lost friends." Find some!!

WHY - Why should we want to win out lost friends to Christ? Let me share with you a few reasons why we should try to win our lost friends to Christ;

1. We all have an ever living, never dying soul. Every person will spend an eternity either in heaven or in hell. What a person does with Christ will determine whether it will be in heaven or in hell.
2. If we win them to Christ they will spend eternity in heaven with us. If you enjoy their friendship here, don't you think you will enjoy their friendship in heaven?
3. When we win them to Christ they will miss the torment of spending an eternity in hell. There is a real hell. I don't want anyone to go to hell, but I sure don't want to see my friends in hell.
4. Once a person is saved, not only do they have eternal life, but also they have the abundant life which is the good life now.

HOW - How do you win your friends to Christ? Here are some very practical suggestions on how to win your friends to Christ.

1. Pray - Pray that God will begin to move on the heart of your friends, pray that God will give you boldness, pray that God will give you guidance to share Christ with them, pray that God will give you opportunity to share Christ with them.
2. Be a Good witness - Live for Christ before them. You are not perfect, you won't be perfect until you are in heaven with Christ. But be very careful to set a good example for Christ before them.
3. Take advantage of the opportunities that you have to share the Gospel with them. I love to preach in revivals/crusades and see people trust Christ. But also I love to win my friends to Christ one on one. Years ago I had a friend named Doug. Doug was not a Christian. I hunted a whole hunting season with him. As the hunting season was coming to the end, when we got back to my truck, I had the opportunity to share the Gospel with him. There in the truck, Doug gave his heart to Christ and was gloriously saved. Take advantage of the opportunities to win them to Christ.
4. Invite them to come to church with you so they can hear the gospel.

REMEMBER - FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS GO TO HELL!!

My First Book Available

My first book, "Doing the Work of the Evangelist" will be available by the end of January 2016. The book contains eight soul stirring sermons that will fuel your heart for evangelism. These are the transcripts of sermons I have preached across the nation in revivals and crusades through the years. God has used these sermons to reach literally thousands of souls for Christ. The price of the book will be \$20.00, but you can pre-order the book for \$15.00 plus \$2.00 for postage and handling.

Schedule:

Jan 10	Second Baptist Church	Clinton TN	Jan 17-19	Concord Baptist Association Bible Conference	Murfreesboro Tn	First Baptist Church Walter Hill TN
Jan 17-19	Concord Baptist Association Bible Conference	Murfreesboro Tn		Sun AM & PM	Dr. Don Whitt	
Jan 24 AM	Hillcrest Baptist Church	Anniston AL		Mon PM	Dr. Edd Litton	
Jan 24-26	Calhoun Baptist Association Bible Conference	Anniston AL		Tues PM	Dr. Ken Whitten	
Jan 31	Lona Heights Baptist Church	McKenzie TN	Jan 24-26	Calhoun Baptist Association Bible Conference	Anniston AL	
Feb 7	Super Bowl Sunday Freedom Baptist Church	Ranburne AL		Sun AM	Dr. Don Whitt	Hillcrest Baptist Church, Anniston AL
Feb 13-14	Great Hills Baptist Church	Austin TX		Sun 6 PM	Dr. Jeff LaBorg	Hillcrest Baptist Church, Anniston AL
Feb 21-24	First Baptist Church Bible Conference	South Fulton Tn		Mon 6:30 PM	Mike Stone	Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Alexandria AL
Feb 28 - Mar 2	Riverdale Baptist Church	Murfreesboro TN		Tues 6:30 PM	Dr. Stacy Stafford	Antioch Baptist Church, Oxford AL