**STREET PREACHING**

    The above picture is of a modern day soldier of the cross following Jesus' command in Mark 16:15 (q.v. below). The occasion was the visit of Pope John Paul II to Ontario, Canada, in the 1980’s. As is seen, JP2's attention along with the rest of his entourage was drawn and riveted for a few seconds on the preacher whose words are recorded at the top of the photograph. Directly afterward, the mobile's surrounding, bulletproof glass enclosure was pulled closed, and the very slow moving motorcade throttled up and sped away.

    Jesus Christ told us, "...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

    Jesus had a prayer request: He requested us to..."Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:38)

    "And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you." (2Chron. 24:20)

    "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." (Isa. 58:1)

    "Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles." (Isa. 13:2)

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    A well-known forty-year veteran of field preaching said, "Street preaching will give you the correct opinion of yourself." (Concerning this, see Acts 20:20 below.)

    And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house, (Acts 20:20 — practicing this verse gives you 20/20 vision)

    John Wesley said: "To this day field preaching is a cross to me, but I know my commission and see NO OTHER WAY of preaching the gospel to EVERY creature."

    A qualification for effective soul winning: Shake off the vipers that are in the Church—formalism, pride, and self-importance, etc. (D.L. Moody)

    Some wish to live within the sound of church and chapel bell. I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of Hell! (C.T. Studd)

    Virtually every Bible preacher from Noah to John was a Street preacher; more than 90 percent of all sermons preached in both Old and New Testaments were preached in a public forum.

    “Evangelism is just one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread (eternal life).” (D.T. Niles)

    A. W. Tozer was saved hearing a street preacher.

    Billy Sunday was saved hearing a street preacher.

    "God had an only Son and he made him a missionary." (David Livingstone)

    "You have one business on earth—to save souls." (John Wesley)

    "I set myself on fire, they come to watch me burn." (Wesley)

    "The heart is like a viper, hissing and spitting poison at God." (Jonathan Edwards)

    "I now preach to ten times more people than I would if confined to the Churches." (George Whitefield)

    “Open-Air Preaching is the very back-bone of the movement to win the non-church-going element. The more of it the better—the whole world around!" (C. H. Spurgeon)

    Mark ye well, my brethren, he who is successful in soul winning will on Judgment Day, prove to have been a wise man.  Never did I know perfect, overflowing and unutterable happiness, till I helped a soul find the Saviour.  Oh!, the joy of seeing a sinner reconciled to God by the Holy Spirit.  Beyond all controversy, it is a joy worth worlds to win souls. (Adapted from C. H. Spurgeon)

    "You will never get at the ignorant and profligate mass without open air preaching. I had to go to bonds and imprisonments for doing what our Master did, for he preached far oftener by the roadside and by the seaside than in the synagogues." (Robert Flockhart)

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“…preach Jesus Christ crucified, risen and coming again…”**