



**Claiming the Power of the Holy  
Spirit**

**The Grand Finale**

# Matthew 28:19

**Go ye therefore,  
and teach all  
nations...**

In the word “ye”

Christ included all  
believers to the very  
end of time {5BC-557}

**It is a fatal mistake to  
suppose that the work of  
saving souls depends  
alone on the ordained  
minister.**

**All to whom the heavenly inspiration has come are put in trust with the gospel. All who receive the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow men.**

**For this work the church  
was established, and all  
who take upon themselves  
its sacred vows are thereby  
pledged to be co-workers  
with Christ. {DA 822.2}**

Whatever one's calling in life, his  
first interest should be to win  
souls for Christ. He may not be  
able to speak to congregations,  
but he can work for individuals.

{DA 822.3}

**We are living in a special period of this earth's history. A great work must be done in a very short time, and every Christian is to act a part in sustaining this work.**



God is calling for  
men/women who will  
consecrate themselves  
to the work of soul-  
saving. {9T 125.4}

**Those who have united with the  
Lord in the covenant of service  
are under bonds to unite with Him  
in the great, grand work of soul-  
saving.**

**{Testimonies for the Church 7:19}**

The Master has a work for  
each to do. None can be idle,  
none can be careless and  
selfish, and yet perfect  
Christian character.

{3T 531.1}

**1 Corinthians 3:9**

**For we are**

**laborers together**

**with God...**

Man cannot be towed to Heaven; he cannot go as a passive passenger. He must himself use the oars, and work as a laborer together with God. {OHC 310.2}

## Luke 10:2

The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into His harvest.

Let church members bear in mind that the fact that their names are registered on the church books will not save them.

They must show themselves approved of God, workmen that need not be ashamed. {9T 48.1}

# Matthew 4:19

**Follow me, and  
I will make you  
fishers of men.**



We are not, as Christians,  
doing one-twentieth part  
that we might do in  
winning souls to Christ.

**There is a world to be warned, and every sincere Christian will be a guide and an example to others in faithfulness, in cross-bearing, in prompt and vigorous action, in unswerving fidelity to the cause of truth, and sacrifices and labors to promote the cause of God.**

**{Review and Herald, Aug. 23, 1881}**

**In our churches let  
companies be formed for  
service. Let different ones  
unite in labor as fishers of  
men.**

**Let them seek to gather souls  
from the corruption of the  
world into the saving purity of  
Christ's love. {Testimonies for  
the Church 7:21}**

**Apart from  
Christ our  
work is**

**fruitless...**

**John 15:5**

**Without me ye  
can do nothing.**

But when we labor under His direction, we rejoice in the evidence of His power. He whose word could gather fishes from the sea can also impress human hearts and draw them so that His servants may become “fishers of men.”

{HLv 158.5}

**We are co-workers with  
Christ, or co-workers  
with the enemy. We are  
decided, wholehearted  
Christians, or none at  
all. {1T 126.1}**



# **Matthew 12:30**

**He that is not with me  
is against me; and he  
that gathereth not  
with me scattereth  
abroad.**

**“The concept of an inactive church member is an oxymoron. Biblically, no such church member really exists.”**

**Oxymorons are figures of speech often used as literary devices to draw attention to the absurdity of the statement. For too long, churches have accepted the absurdity of an inactive church member as something normal.**

**An inactive church member  
is a contradiction in terms.**

**One cannot be a biblical  
church member and be  
inactive.**

What will many answer in the day of God, when He inquires, “**What have ye done for Me?**” The do-nothings will be speechless in that day. They will see the sin of their neglect.

**They have robbed God  
of the service of a  
lifetime. They have not  
influenced any for good.  
They have not brought  
one soul to Jesus.**

**They felt content to do  
nothing for the  
Master; and they meet  
no reward, but eternal  
loss.**

**They perish with the  
wicked, although they  
professed to be  
followers of Christ.**

**{The Review and Herald,  
March 14, 1878}**



# Isaiah 6:8

Whom shall I send,  
and who will go for  
Us?

To the call, "**Whom shall  
I send?**" there have  
been few to respond,  
"Here am I; send me."  
(Isaiah 6:8) {9T 46.1}

Every soul that believes  
the truth is to stand in his  
lot and place, saying,

"Here am I; send me."

(Isaiah 6:8)

{Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 49}

Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to cooperate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting for you. {9T 46.3}

**All around us there are souls  
perishing in sin. Every day  
there is something to do for  
our Lord and Master. Every  
day we are to point souls to  
the Lamb of God, who taketh  
away the sin of the world.**

**{9T 48.2}**

Long has God waited for the spirit of service to take possession of the whole church, so that everyone shall be working for Him according to his ability. {The Acts of the Apostles, p. 111}

## **Matthew 25:14-18**

**For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.**

**And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.**



**Then he that had  
received the five  
talents went and  
traded with the same,  
and made them other  
five talents.**

**And likewise he  
that had received  
two, he also  
gained other two.**

**But he that had  
received one went  
and digged in the  
earth, and hid his  
lord's money.**

## **Matthew 25:30**

**Cast ye the unprofitable  
servant into outer  
darkness: there shall be  
weeping and gnashing  
of teeth.**

Cast ye: In the great final day of judgment those who have drifted along, dodging opportunities and shirking responsibilities, will be classed by the great Judge with evildoers. {5BC-511}

**Delivered unto them: Christ has committed the work of the gospel to men in order to advance the interests of His kingdom on earth and to train His servants for increased responsibilities. {5BC-510}**

**Talents: The talents represent special gifts of the Spirit, together with all natural endowments.**

**{5BC-510}**

**To every man: Each of us  
has a work to do for God.**

**Though there are varying  
degrees of responsibility,  
none are altogether  
exempt from  
responsibility. {5BC-510}**



**On the morning of October 23,  
1879, about two o'clock, the  
Spirit of the Lord rested upon  
me, and I beheld scenes in the  
coming judgment. {4T 384.1}**

**The great day of the execution of God's judgment seemed to have come. Ten thousand times ten thousand were assembled before a large throne, upon which was seated a person of majestic appearance. Several books were before Him, and upon the covers of each was written in letters of gold, which seemed like a burning flame of fire: "Ledger of Heaven."**

**One of these books, containing the names of those who claim to believe the truth, was then opened. As these persons were named, one by one, and their good deeds mentioned, their countenances would light up with a holy joy that was reflected in every direction. But this did not seem to rest upon my mind with the greatest force. {4T 384.2}**

**Another book was  
opened, wherein were  
recorded the sins of  
those who profess the  
truth. {4T 384.3}**

Under covetousness came falsehood, theft, robbery,  
fraud, and avarice; under ambition came pride and  
extravagance; jealousy stood at the head of malice,  
envy, and hatred; and intemperance headed a long  
list of fearful crimes, such as lasciviousness,  
adultery, indulgence of animal passions, etc.

**As I beheld I was  
filled with  
inexpressible anguish  
and exclaimed: "Who  
can be saved?  
{4T 385.1}**

Every eye is riveted upon the face of the One upon the throne; and as His solemn, searching eye sweeps over that company, there is a quaking of heart; for they are self-condemned without one word being uttered.

In anguish of soul each  
declares his own guilt and  
with terrible vividness sees  
that by sinning he has thrown  
away the precious boon of  
eternal life. {4T 385.2}



One class were registered as  
cumberers of the ground. As the  
piercing eye of the Judge rested  
upon these, their sins of neglect  
were distinctly revealed. With pale,  
quivering lips they acknowledged  
that they had been traitors to their  
holy trust. {4T 385.3}

**Although professing  
to be servants of  
Christ, they brought  
no souls to Him.**

**{4T 386.1}**

# **Revelation 2:10**

**Be thou faithful  
unto death, and I  
will give thee a  
crown of life.**

There will be no one saved in Heaven with a starless crown. If you enter, there will be some soul in the courts of glory that has found an entrance there through your instrumentality. {ST, June 6, 1892 par. 2}

# Revelation 3:1

I know thy  
works...

## **Revelation 22:12**

**And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.**

**We are to be justified by  
faith, and judged by our  
works. {GCB October 1,  
1896, Art. B, par. 16}**

The work above all work,—the  
business above all others which  
should draw and engage the  
energies of the soul,—is the work  
of saving souls for whom Christ  
has died.



Make this the main, the important  
work of your life. Make it your  
special life work. Co-operate with  
Christ in this grand and noble  
work...

{The Youth's Instructor, May 4,  
1893}

God calls upon every church  
member to enter His service. The  
entire church, acting as one,  
blending in perfect union, is to be  
a living, active, missionary  
agency. {HP 317.4}

A distinct work is  
assigned to every  
Christian.

{Southern Watchman,  
Aug. 2, 1904}

Every day you are to be  
under the supervision of  
God. He has a work for  
you to do...{8T 172.1}

**God requires  
everyone to be a  
worker in His  
vineyard. {Bible Echo,  
June 10, 1901}**

**Every soul whom Christ has rescued is called to work in His name for the saving of the lost. This work had been neglected in Israel. Is it not neglected today by those who profess to be Christ's followers?**  
**{Christ's Object Lessons, p. 191}**

**Proverbs 11:30**

**He that winneth  
souls is wise.**

That man or that woman whose soul is drawn out in compassion and love for the erring, and who labors to bring them to the fold of the Great Shepherd, is engaged in a blessed work.



**When one sinner is thus  
reclaimed, there is more  
joy in Heaven than over  
ninety and nine just  
persons! {LS 187.5}**

# **James 2:20**

**But wilt thou know,  
O vain man, that  
faith without works  
is dead?**

What account will those render to God, who are doing nothing in His cause,--nothing to win souls to Christ? Such will receive the denunciation, "Thou wicked and slothful servant."

{Historical Sketches, p. 290}

The secret of winning souls can be learned only from the great Teacher. As the dew and the still showers fall gently on the withering plant, so our words are to fall gently and lovingly on the souls we are seeking to win.

Keep the heart uplifted in  
prayer that God may help  
us to speak the right  
word at the right time.

**When an opportunity presents itself, let no excuse lead you to neglect it; for its improvement may mean the salvation of a soul from death. {The Youth's Instructor, February 6, 1902}**

Now that Jesus has ascended to Heaven, His disciples are His representatives among men, and one of the most effective ways of winning souls to Him is in exemplifying His character in our daily life.

**Our influence upon  
others depends not so  
much upon what we say  
as upon what we are.**

**{DA 141.5}**



# **John 13:32**

**And I, if I be lifted up  
from the earth, will  
draw all men unto me.**