

God and make disciples. Many a person when we see them in heaven is going to say to everyone of us, The time came that somebody gave the message of salvation and I turned to Christ and was saved. But I've seen you before that, time after time. And you tell me that you were a Christian years before I was but I never heard you give a testimony to Christ. I never heard you give a witness and how we will feel then!

Who knows how God wants to use our testimony as a witness this summer. We're so afraid we'll be embarrassed. We're so afraid someone will repulse us in some way. The person to be afraid of is not the person who repulses you angrily because that's the person in whomse mind what you say may stick perhaps.

Rather the person to feel disappointed about is the one who is casual and says, That's fine. You've got some religion; that's fine. Maybe I'll get some someday." The person who is indefinite, that's the person who is hard to reach. But that one is not going to be affended by what you say.

Therefore Go and make disciples of all nations. He told the disciples to go and witness to Christ. But he did not tell them to go and do as St. Francis Xavier did. St. Francis Xavier was so convinced that the person who was not baptized was lost forever and he thought of thousands of souls suffering in hell and he wanted to bring them the message. But the poor man, highly educated but not really understanding went out and he traveled. Some call him one of the great missionaries of history. He went to the East; he went to the nations of the near east and he presented the story of the crucifixion and asked people to be baptized. Many claimed to have accepted salvation. Perhaps many of them were saved. I don't know. But his understanding was not very good, I don't believe.

He went on they say to India, and they say started a large church in India. Then he went on and on and got into China and saw the multitudés, multitudes, multitudes perishing. They say he got to the point where he just took a can of holy water and threw it out onto the crowds baptizing them in hopes they'd get the message out, to get the baptism to them to save them from hell. We feel sorry for a man with such a misunderstanding. It's not a magical thing; it's not any rite or ceremony, that's going to save one. But we have the means of true salvation.

We have the message of life and Jesus said, Therefore Go and make disciples. Go and make disciples of all nations. Many talk as if the U.S.A. was not a nation! Some perhaps think the U.S.A. is the only place to live! That, of course, is wrong. He said, All nations. But I think the idea is equally ridiculous that we've got to go to some distant nation and there is nobody here who needs the gospel. It is amazing how in our humanistic society the tremendous amount of people who have no understanding whatever of what it means to be saved. No understanding whatever of the teachings of Christianity.

We have the freedom of religion in our land. We have the governmental organizations that are pushing against Christianity