How Are Christians Produced?

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INTRODUCTION

- If we are produced so that we become Christians, know that it is by his doing who became to us wisdom from God and righteousness and sanctification.
- That's the product that I'm talking about. Children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation.
- At the end of the day, this is all about producing Christians who will live for the Lord in the harsh environment of our wicked world.

1 The Role of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:38; Acts 10:44–46; Acts 8:14–17

- Look, first of all, it's a gift. It's a gift that comes from God.
- While Peter was still speaking, something extraordinary happened. The Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message.
- In salvation, God is always at the forefront of the story. God is the hero of the story.
- This miraculous manifestation did not alter universal requirements in regard to those who would come to Jesus.

2 This Is a Sermon About Peace

Acts 10:34–43; Ephesians 2:13–17

- God is not a respecter of persons, but in every nation, he who fears God and does what is right is welcome to him.
- The fact that people saw the risen Lord is an underpinning of the faith and everything that we're about today.
- This message of salvation is a message of peace. It is bringing people together.
- This message is about the beauty of reconciliation.

3 Who Was I That I Could Stand in God's Way?

Acts 11:15–17

- If God therefore gave to them the same gift as he gave to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?
- John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.
- They try to stand in God's way when it comes to the moral requirements of discipleship to Jesus.

4 Ordered to Be Baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ

Acts 10:48; Acts 2:38; Acts 11:14

- And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.
- Our sins are washed away in the blood of Christ when we come in contact with his death.
- They still needed to be baptized in the name of Jesus to receive cleansing and remission of sins.
- He shall speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.

5 Human Communication and Ministry Is Always Used

Acts 8:35–39

- Human communication and ministry is universally and always used to bring people into Jesus Christ.
- Here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?
- They went down into the water, and he baptized him, and they came up out of the water.
- The Holy Spirit miraculously provides the presence and the exits of the preacher, but it's the man who teaches the man the message that leads to his salvation.

6 The Repentance That Leads to Life

Acts 11:18

- God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life.
- Not the submerging of the Holy Spirit, but the repentance that leads to life.
- Though repentance is not mentioned anywhere. The conclusion of it is they've repented and come to God.
- And this, my friends, is how Christians are produced.

THE CHALLENGE

Do you need to become one in Christ today?

MY NOTES