

# **“The GLOBAL Gospel”**

John 3:16

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**Intro:** “It is astonishing how many difficulties clear up without any effort when the *inner-life* gets *straightened-out....*” - Tozer

**Big Idea:** The GLOBAL Gospel’s a 3-legged stool

1. ***KNOW* the (exclusive) Truth**
2. ***TELL* the Truth**
3. ***LIVE & LOVE* the Truth**

**Illustration:**

**Amazon rainforest expedition...**

- How important is the mission?
- How important is the blueprint?
- How important is the reliability...

## **#1 = KNOW the Truth:**

**Review the Bible's 8 major stages...**

Creation

Corruption

Covenant

Conflict

Christ

***Church***

**Coming-again**

Completion

**John 3:16** = "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

## **Global data per "World Mission"**

There are 16k+ people groups... 6k+ = unreached!

Differentiate UPG & "unengaged" PG

- 300M new believers over 10 yrs
- China = 12K new believers per day
- Still 2.5B+ "unreached people"
  - > side by side = circle globe 25X
  - > see 5 faces/sec = 10+ yrs...

**Revelation 5:9** = *they sang a new song: You are worthy to take the scroll & open its seals because You were slaughtered & You redeemed people for God by Your blood: people from every tribe & language & people & nation.*

**Genesis 1:1 & John 1:1**

**Genesis 3:15 & Isaiah 53**

**Genesis 18:18** = *Abraham is to become a great and powerful nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him.*

**John 8** – “*...I came to testify to the truth...*”

**John 8** – “*the truth will set you free... indeed...*”

**VIDEO: “Truth Re-Focused”**

Jesus said: (**Matthew 24:14**) when all the peoples have heard... then He's coming back.

**\*\*\* What are you doing with that?**

**T/S: Qt: A.W. Tozer:**

"The task of the Church is two-fold: A). spread Christianity throughout the world; AND, B). to make sure that the Christianity she spreads is the pure New Testament kind..."

## **# 2 = TELL the Truth**

### **Matthew 28:18-20**

#### **K.P. Yohannan Ganges River...**

"...but why didn't you get here sooner... Why didn't you tell me just a half hour earlier - before I offered my greatest sacrifice to the goddess of the Ganges???"

#### **Acts 1:4**

The task before us... is beyond us! - Platt

#### **Acts 1:8**

#### **NOTE:**

You can't take global what you don't have local... - JDP

**John 20:21 = *Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I am sending you."***

**Qt: C.T. Studd** Christ's call is to feed the hungry, not the full; to save the lost, not the stiff-necked; not to call the scoffers, but sinners to repentance; not to build and furnish comfortable chapels, churches and cathedrals at home in which to rock professing-Christians to sleep by means of clever essays, stereotyped prayers and artistic musical performances, but to raise living-churches-of-souls among the destitute, to capture men from the devil's clutches and snatch them from the very jaws of hell... to enlist and train them for Jesus and make them into an Almighty Army of God. But this can only be accomplished by a red-hot, unconventional, unfettered Holy Ghost faith, where neither church nor state, neither man nor traditions are worshiped or preached, but only Christ and him crucified. Not to confess Christ by fancy collars or clothes, silver or gold crosses, church steeples or richly embroidered altar cloths, but by reckless sacrifice and heroism in the foremost trenches...C. T. Studd  
(1860-1931)

**Romans 10:14:15 =** *But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? 15 And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"*

When the Word & the world collide... people tend to do one of 3 things: Worship, Worry, or Walk-away. - JDP

**QT:** “Let us not glide through this world and then slip quietly into heaven, without having blown the trumpet loud and long for our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Let us see to it that the devil will hold a thanksgiving service in hell, when he gets the news of our departure from the field of battle.” — C.T. Studd

**T/S:** Knowing & Going are 2-sides of the same coin...

### VIDEO: “Faith Re-Focused”

**T/S:** "Missions exist because worship doesn't!" – J. Piper

### #3 LIVE & LOVE the Truth:

**Qt:** (A.W. Tozer) - Christianity will always reproduce itself after its kind. A worldly-minded, unspiritual church, when she crosses the ocean to give her witness to peoples of other tongues and other cultures, is sure to bring forth on other shores a Christianity much like her own....

The popular notion that the first obligation of the church is to spread the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth is false. Her first obligation is to be spiritually worthy to spread it. Our Lord said "Go ye," but He also said, "Tarry ye," and the tarrying had to come before the going. Had the disciples gone forth as missionaries before the day of Pentecost it would have been an overwhelming spiritual disaster, for they could have done no more than make converts after their likeness, and this would have altered for the worse the whole history of the Western world and had consequences throughout the ages to come. *Of God and Men*, 35-37.

"Lord, I don't want to be guilty of producing inferior disciples. Send Your Holy Spirit that I might be empowered to produce converts with whom You can be pleased. Amen."'"

**John 14:15 =** "if you love Me you will obey My commandments" - Jesus, the Christ

### **1 John 3:18**

**Qt:** I am getting desperately afraid of going to heaven for I have had the vision of the shame I shall suffer as I get my first glimpse of the Lord Jesus; His majesty, power and marvelous love for me... No wonder God shall have to wipe away the tears off all faces, for we shall be broken-hearted when we see the depth of His love and the shallowness of ours. – C.T. Studd

## Ephesians 2:8-10

**T/S:** With the time we have left...

I want to draw your attention to some of the areas  
that are in need of Christian “contrast & clarity”

For to “Live & Love” the Truth...  
it MUST be the TRUTH!

EXAMPLE of IMPORTANCE:

\*\*\*\*\* **Contrast the PALM BRANCHES** of Christ's initial entry into Jerusalem with those seen in Revelation...

**Revelation 7:9** = *After this I looked, and there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one could number, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were robed in white with palm branches in their hands.*

Those who revere the initial branches are savoring a sickening scenario... - JDP

\*\*\*\*\* **Contrast Miraculous vs. Man-made** presence & power of THE Spirit...

\*\*\*\*\* **Contrast the Word's Purpose-for-People vs.**

## People's-Purpose for the Word...

\*\*\*\*\* **Contrast grace & responsibility... (Eph. 2:8-10)**

\*\*\*\*\* **Contrast... "biblical" vs. bogus belief...**

\*\*\*\*\* **Contrast... Doctrine vs. Deception**

\*\*\*\*\* **Contrast... Wrath vs. Restoration**

Here's my advice:

1. If you don't desire to meet the Devil during the day, meet Jesus before dawn.
2. If you don't want the Devil to hit you, hit him first, and hit him with all your might, so that he may be too crippled to hit back. 'Preach the Word' is the rod the Devil fears and hates. - C.T. Studd

\*\*\*\*\* **Contrast... Holy vs. Happy**

I don't tell people to "volunteer," I tell them to surrender to God and to go away rejoicing in Him... - C.T. Studd

\*\*\*\*\* **Contrast... Christians vs. Consumers**

Spurgeon: *build disciples vs returning customers...*

Comfort chokes & corrupts Christianity. - JDP

**Qt:** "Some want to live within the sound of church bells... I (by contrast) want to run a rescue mission within a yard of hell." — C.T. Studd

#### **\*\*\*\*\* Contrast... Global vs. Local gospel**

A lost reputation is the best degree for Christ's service... It is not so much the degree of (the scholarly) arts that is needed, but that of hearts, loyal and true... (hearts) that love not their lives, (even unto) their death: large and loving hearts (are needed) which (will) seek to save the lost multitudes, rather than guard the ninety-nine well-fed sheep...

#### **\*\*\*\*\* Contrast... Repent vs. Remorse**

#### **\*\*\*\*\* Contrast... Truth vs. Opinion**

#### **\*\*\*\*\* Contrast... Religious vs. Redeemed**

Learn to scorn the praise of men. Learn to lose with God; Jesus won the world through shame! And He beckons us to His road. – C.T. Studd

#### **\*\*\*\*\* Contrast... Obedience vs. Acceptance**

“If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.”  
— C.T. Studd

#### **\*\*\*\*\* Contrast... Work vs. Worship**

#### **\*\*\*\*\* Contrast... Prosper vs. Promise**

## VIDEO: “Piper: Prosperity Gospel”

How could I spend the best years of my life in living for the honors of this world, when thousands of souls are perishing every day? - C.T. Studd

\*\*\*\*\* **Contrast... Red-letters vs. Black... in the Bible**

\*\*\*\*\* **Contrast.. Missional ministry vs. Ministry managing**

Our recruits come out from home vastly raw and are largely parrots. They have been crammed with religion as though for an examination, and seem to come out to carry on their education rather than finish it. So many are just taught doctrines without ever having thought them out or searched the Scriptures for themselves. They come out like infants with pop guns. They need to be trained into soldiers with real devil-defying weapons.... – C.T. Studd

\*\*\*\*\* **Contrast... Faith vs. Feelings**

The best cure for discouragement... is another daring plunge of faith. – C.T. Studd

\*\*\*\*\* **Contrast... Internal vs. External**

Last June at the mouth of the Congo there awaited a thousand prospectors, traders, merchants and gold seekers, waiting to rush into these regions as soon as

the government opened the door to them, for rumor declared that there is an abundance of gold.... If such men hear so loudly the call of gold and obey it, can it be that the ears of Christ's soldiers are deaf to the call of God? How is it that gamblers for gold are so many... and gamblers for God are so few? - C.T. Studd

\*\*\*\*\* **Contrast... Visible vs. Invisible**

Jesus never said: Close enough... Good enough...

Jesus did say: that's enough!

\*\*\*\*\* **"Know" vs. "Known"**

\*\*\*\*\* **Contrast... Knowledge vs. Wisdom**

Now the main thing is to get the eyes of the people open. They need to see hell as the result of their sin, and that produces fear, the fear of God which is the beginning of wisdom... if this fear does not lay hold of a man, his so-called conversion is a sham. True love wakens a man to reality; sham love soaps him down and greases his trail to hell. Very many people are half asleep or deluded, and make up fancy doctrines to suit their own... Such ear-tickling claims an unholy man can get to heaven without being holy. But remember, Christ did not die to whitewash us, He died to re-create us, and none but His re-creations enter heaven. – C.T. Studd

\*\*\*\*\* Contrast... Free (gift of) vs. "Cheap" Grace

## VIDEO: “Cheap Grace”

**CLOSE:**

**Qt:** (C.T. Studd)

Too long have we been waiting for one another to begin! The time of waiting is past! The hour of God has struck! War is declared! In God's Holy Name let us arise and build! 'The God of Heaven will fight for us', as we for Him. We will not build on the sand, but on the bedrock of Christ, and the gates and followers of hell shall not prevail against us. Should such men as we fear? Before the world, before the sleepy, lukewarm, faithless, namby-pamby Christian world, we will dare to trust our God, we will venture our ALL for Him. We will live and we will die for Him... and we will do it with His joy unspeakable singing aloud in our hearts. We will a thousand times sooner die trusting only our God, than live trusting in man. And when we come to this position, the battle is already won, and the end of the glorious campaign is in sight. We will have the real Holiness of God, not the sickly stuff of talk and dainty words and pretty thoughts; we will have a Masculine Holiness, one of daring faith and works for Jesus Christ. – C.T. Studd

**Let's Pray!**