

# BITS & PIECES

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### A BIG DIFFERENCE!

There is a big difference between the early Christians and we modern day believers in Jesus Christ. In spite of great persecution, here is how they prayed: **“Lord, behold their threatenings and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word... And when they had prayed...they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and spake the word with boldness.”** It is commonly reported that not more than 5% of modern day Christians seriously try to win someone to Christ. I believe this is true; it may well be less. Two causes strike me: There is not sufficient love for Christ to motivate us (II Corinthians 5:14) and we do not have compassion on poor lost sinners like our Savior does. We need revival, but it will not come without repentance.

### THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK OR WRITE

The following headlines appeared in various newspapers:

- Safety experts say school bus passengers should be belted. (probably some should be)
- Something went wrong in jet crash experts say. (I wonder how they figured that out)
- Farmer Bill dies in the house. (Lot's of things die in the House - and in the Senate too)
- Reagan wins on budget, but more lies ahead. (That sounds like politics as usual)
- If strike isn't settled quickly, it may last awhile. (That seems like a safe prediction)

### HOPE IN CHRIST OR NO HOPE

During World War I Scottish evangelist John McNeill went to France to work in the Y.M.C.A. (still Christian then). He was introduced to the General in charge who wanted to give him some suggestions about his preaching. He wanted McNeill to tell the men that if they died for their country, it would be all right in the next world. McNeil said, “General, if one of the men under your command were to win the Victoria Cross for valor, and I were to belittle the deed by which it was won, you would not like it. General, you are cheapening my Lord's sacrifice.” That ended the conversation! There is ONE WAY to be saved - belief in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on Calvary! **“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”** ~Acts 4:12.

### TAKING GOD SERIOUSLY

What if every Christian really took soul winning seriously. Suppose each one of us determined to do our best to bring someone to Church each Sunday? There is no one we should pass by. Go to that mean man, that gifted woman, that poor child. Go after that backslider. There is no one we should neglect - did not Jesus die for them? There are needy souls all around you. When are we Christians going to take God seriously? Jesus said, **“Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.”** What is more important than giving lost souls the only message that can save them? What about YOU? Will you obey the Lord?