



*THE HARVEST* is a term that the Lord Jesus uses in several places in the Word. He speaks of it in the sense of each time period and also a great harvest at the end of the age.

There are such a large number of people in the world at any given time and they all need to be told about the saving grace of Jesus Christ. They all need to hear of the Lamb that was crucified for them and the unfathomable love of God that led to that Sacrifice. In every age people who are in the bondage of sin need to know of the Blood of the Lamb that is their only hope.

One of the great mysteries of the Plan of Salvation is that God uses us as an important part of that Plan. He uses us to reach those around us and to tell them the Good News of Salvation. With the power of the Spirit we are used in a way that allows the Word to penetrate those around us and thereby advance the Kingdom of God.

In Matthew 9:37-38 and Luke 10:2, Jesus tells us that more workers are needed in order to bring in this harvest. He asks that we ask the Master of the harvest to send more laborers. This is another example of the Trinitarian Plan of Salvation. All three persons in the Godhead are involved. The Father sends workers to tell people of the Son who died for them. The Spirit opens their minds and hearts to receive that Word and believe it. Therefore people are saved and added to the Kingdom and become adopted children of the Father! In John 4:35, he tells us that the harvest is ready and many people have worked for it. Seed is planted, it is watered, grows, and then is harvested. It is all to His Glory! it is not about us and there is no room for boasting.



What about the end time harvest? We are living in a time that is much like the first three centuries. The world around us is dark and pagan. The light is in a relatively small number of believers who are workers in the fields of the world. Those of us who are believers are to be in the fields and working tirelessly because He is returning soon. The evangelization that is needed today is just like that of the First Century. We must go out with the *Kerigma*, the nucleus of the Good News. That is, Jesus is the Christ, He is Lord, and He died to give us the free gift of salvation. Showing how the Plan of Salvation unfolded through the Scripture and proclaiming that Jesus was the

fulfillment of that Plan, the apostles and other disciples brought light into the pagan world and expanded the Kingdom. As Paul writes in Galatians 3:13, the Gentiles then became co-heirs with the Jews.

We find ourselves in a world of darkness now which has lost its way. It has lost all sense of sin and transgression of God's Law. When people live in this type of environment, they have lost the knowledge that they are in need of a savior. The world now, more than ever, is rebellious. Because of this rebellion against God and His Law, Jesus is no longer tolerated in our society. Men truly prefer the darkness rather than the Light because their deeds are evil!

We are, therefore, the faithful remnant and the workers in the field. We must be faithful servants of the Great Commission. We have the answers to the world's problems and the antidote to sin. This must be proclaimed so that the harvest can be increased before He returns. We do not know how much time we have!

