

Sharing Jesus without Freaking Out
The HOW Starts with the WHY
1 Peter 2:9-12

It's a great time to live, to love, and to share Jesus. Our post-Christian world today resembles the pre-Christian world of the New Testament, a world where the gospel spread like a wildfire across the Roman Empire. Believers proclaimed a life-changing and life-saving faith in Jesus that ultimately changed the world.

God has _____ placed us in this world at this _____ to bring
_____ to Him and show the _____ of the gospel to others.

1. For followers of Jesus, _____ matters first
 - A. Believers are to be driven by _____
 - B. Believers are to be driven by _____
2. For followers of Jesus, _____ follows second
 - A. Believers abstain from fleshly _____
 - B. Believers live for God's _____

There are events and circumstances in this world that are beyond our control. However, we can control the way we respond to those circumstances. When we respond in joy, gospel opportunity and audience will follow. Joyless Christians are ineffective in sharing the gospel and joyless churches fail miserably in the Great Commission. We must do what we do well for the glory of God and for the mission of God.

Reflection

How is the joy of your salvation displayed in your everyday life? What needs to change to recapture that joy? Consider how your joy-filled life might enable and empower you to share Jesus with others. How will it open up more opportunities for you to share? How will it give your testimony credibility? What do you need to change in your choices or in your devotions so that your life reflects the attractiveness of the kingdom you are called to proclaim?