

# “To the Work of Our Gospel Meeting”

## Colossians 1:9-11

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### INTRODUCTION:

- A. Read: **Colossians 1:9-11** – “For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;  
 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.  
 11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy.”
- B. About the Text:
1. Paul prayed for the church at Colossae.
  2. He prayed that they would bear fruit in every good work.
  3. We have a work before us that needs to be done.
  4. No one else is going to do this work for us.
  5. It is our work to do.
  6. What does the Bible tell us about this work that we must do?
- C. The apostle Paul also penned these word to Titus is **Titus 3:1** – “. . . Be ready for every good work.”

### GOD IS ABLE TO MAKE ALL HIS WORK ABOUND

- A. **1 Corinthians 9:8-10** – “And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.  
 9 As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.”  
 10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness.”
- B. There is a principle in this passage.
- C. **Romans 3: 31** – “If God is for us, who can be against us?”
- D. When we give of ourselves liberally and cheerfully, then God will make this work abound.

### ALL THE LORD’S WORK IS WORK FOR THE LORD

- A. **Colossians 3:23, 24** – “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,  
 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”
- B. We need to remember who our Master is.

- C. The Lord’s work isn’t for the elders . . . it isn’t just for the deacons . . . it isn’t just for the preacher . . . The Lord’s work is for all the Lord’s people.
- D. There may be times when this work is not managed as best it can be.
- E. But let us remember that this work is for the Lord.

### THE LORD’S WORK WILL NOT BE IN VAIN

- A. **1 Corinthians 15:58** – “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”
- B. We need to be steadfast in all of the Lord’s work in which we have a part.
- C. Some works take more time than others.
- D. Sometimes we encounter disappointments.
- E. Sometimes we encounter problems.
- F. But let’s not let these things sway us from doing what we know is right in any of the Lord’s work that we are privileged to do.

### EXAMPLE OF A SPECIFIC GOOD WORK: THIS GOOD WORK OF A GOSPEL MEETING

- A. A Gospel Meeting is but one of the many good works that we are to be ready for. Titus 3:1
- B. The meeting is planned in order to:
  - 1. Glorify God.
  - 2. Reach . . . Teach . . . And convert the lost.
  - 3. Restore the Erring.
  - 4. Strengthen the church.
  - 5. Build up the Kingdom of God in this area.
- C. Satan knows the power of a good Gospel Meeting. This one has his attention and is marked on his calendar of upcoming events.
  - 1. The Gospel of Jesus Christ will be preached.
    - a. Eternal truths will be set forth.
    - b. Error will be refuted.
  - 2. Our Heavenly Father will be worshipped.
  - 3. Spirits will be uplifted.
  - 4. Brethren will be edified.
  - 5. The church will be edified.
  - 6. Those attending who are lost will be taught.
  - 6. Those attending who are saved will be encouraged.
- D. Some things are needed for this meeting:
  - 1. Your prayers are needed for:
  - 2. The overall effort and for what God plans to accomplish through it.  
**Isaiah 55:11** – “So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And

- it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”
3. For the speaker during these meetings.
  4. For the song-leader(s) during these meetings.
  5. For all who will attend . . . Members and visitors alike.
  6. For all who should attend but in fact will not.
  7. For those who need to be taught the truths of the Gospel.
  8. For those who need to obey the gospel.
  9. For those who need to be restored.
  10. For those who need to be strengthened.

## CONCLUSION:

- A. **Matthew 24:45-46** - “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?  
46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.”
- B. There is much that I can do in cooperation with my Lord in helping to make this Gospel Meeting all that He would desire it to be. What Can I Do?
  1. I can attend every service.
  2. I can invite and transport others to the services.
  3. I can sit near the front so as to show my high interest in the meeting.
  4. I can sing out in high praise to God.
  5. I can pay attention to every word of truth uttered.
  6. I can endeavor to speak to everyone present . . . Especially every visitor.
  7. I can invite visitors to sit with me and then introduce them to others.
  8. I can bring my Bible and open it to follow along in the lesson.
  9. I can show by my smile and enthusiasm how important this meeting is to me in hope that it will be to all who attend it.
10. During the invitation song I can pray a silent prayer for those who need to respond.
- C. There is a lot that I can do . . . If only I will.
- D. **POEM: I Am Just a Gospel Meeting**  
 I am just a Gospel Meeting. I come around about once each year.  
 Some are excited to see me, and yet others chose not to hold me dear.  
 I come to you by the will of God and for His glory too.  
 He sends me forth in order that I may bring something good to you.  
 I know that some will not attend . . . They simply lack the desire.  
 But do not allow their failures keep you from what you aspire.  
 The meeting will not last long . . . Only about six services are planned.  
 But pause for just a moment and think about what those services can span.  
 They can span the whole of time that man has been on the earth.  
 They can span all the planning that God put into His Son’s birth.  
 They can span both testaments . . . The Old and then the New.

And in so doing reveal what God has done for you.  
They can span the history of disobedience to what God had made so plain.  
They can span God’s love and how he wants to revive us and save us again.  
They can span all the ages, Patriarchal, Mosaical, and Christian, too.  
And in so doing let us know that it is no secret what our God can do.  
They can span the life of Christ and His death upon the cross.  
They can reveal His precious blood shed at such a high cost.  
They can span the beginning and the early years of our Lord’s church.  
And allow us to know that we can have membership in it once we experience the new birth.  
Yes, only six lessons and then the meeting will close.  
And much of the good that God will have done we may never know.  
So as “just a Gospel Meeting” whether I am your first or near your last.  
Will you come and be a part of me before it is time for me to past? DSB

**E. God’s Plan for Man’s Salvation**