

Great Joy

“And there was great joy in that city.” (Acts 8:8 KJV)

In Acts 8 the believers who were scattered due to persecution, they preached the gospel of Jesus, and one of them was Philip as you can read, “5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. 6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. 7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.” (Acts 8:5-7 KJV)

1- Preaching Christ is giving the message of hope; those who hear the message will be able to see a light at the end of the dark tunnel that they are walking through.

2- Preaching Christ is giving a clear picture of what is sin and what can bring of bad effects on the peoples' life.

3- Preaching Christ is imparting the faith, that what is impossible with man is possible with God. People when their faith increase they will be able to see better and think better, as well as they will be able to walk in a better way.

4- Preaching Christ is imparting obedience that will please God and bring forth His blessings to His people.

5- Preaching Christ is declaring the whole will of God, and the people will be able to see clearly the good plan that God had for them. Declaring the whole will of God is where Christ will be the Lord and Savior over the life of His people, and He will be the one to dictate on them what they need to do and what they need to be.

6- Preaching Christ is not only then declaring the death of Christ on the cross and His resurrection from the death on the third day, and His ascension to heaven, but as well as His second coming to judge those who are living and the dead.

7- Preaching Christ is to point out to the people that their lives should be based on the Word of God, and the preaching of the Word of God should be directed to combat sin and wrong ways of life and the corrupt practices.

8- Preaching Christ will be accompanied with repentance and souls believing in the promised salvation of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. The new believing souls will be full of joy as they are escaping from death and the power of sin and devil into life eternal.

*9- Preaching Christ means miracles of new souls got saved; as people repent of their sins and surrender their life in full to the Lord they will receive healing from sicknesses, palsies, epilepsies, and got delivered from demons and the powers of darkness. Preaching Christ means deliverance from evil spirits that has the grip of Satan over the life of the people, **“For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them.”** These evil spirits are unclean and would causes depression, anxiety, sadness and sorrows in the hearts of the people. Preaching Christ will drive out these demons and their evil influences and will replace that with gladness and joy; the joy of salvation, the joy of healing, the joy of deliverance and the joy of the restoration, and that is why it was said, **“And there was great joy in that city.”***

My dear and beloved: We need to preach the gospel as God ordained so we will be living continually in the everlasting joy as the Lord ordained it to us and to the new people that we are reaching out, as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord I give you praise for you reminded me that I need to have faith in you and to continue preach your word so people will get saved and joy will be spread into my life and in the life of others who will be receiving your Word and the promised salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. I thank you and praise you for this gift of God. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.